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t, a revelation. But she justified ken or written, and did not dis appoint one jot the high expectations aroused by Messrs. Stanley and Havlin's preparatory work. She is more magnetic than Letta, "outer" than Maggie Mitchell, as earnest as Annie Pixley. She possesses a native grace, freshness, and a quaint mischievous sense of humor all her own. In representing the wild girl of the Western drama, Miss Mac suffers not at all by comparison with all her predecesors lumped together. Lotta makes "points" with her heels, Maggie Mitchell with her mature kittenishness, and Miss Pixley pleases by means of her thorough understand-ing of the effects obtainable by device and art. There is no art about Minnie Maddern. Sh perfectly natural. The ebullition of animal spirits, the charm of youth, these are the materials she employs, and they fit the characteristics of the style of being she represents as if she were made to order for that purpose. There is so much that is blase about the stage, so little that is suggestive of real life, that when a new aspirant for dramatic honors appears, who has not had all the bloom destroyed by the glare of public scrutinage, who brings the refreshing breeze of nature into the close, oppressive, dead atexperiences a sensation of relief similar to that caused by a first breath of free air to a captive who has been confined in the damp, murky precincts of a prison cell. Minnie en inspires such a feeling in the breast

of the weary theatre-goer.

She is a ray of dancing sunshine, but she beams from a depressingly dark sky—Mr. Charles Callahan's miserable apology for a play, Fogg's Ferry. Fortunately the force the bright ray was great, or the black clouds would certainly have swallowed her up. It is a pity that we are not able to chron icle the double success of star and dramatist.

The play is irredeemably bad—so bad indeed that the task of condemning it is thankless. The first act, although not fulfilling the purpose to which it is generally devoted-plantng the seed from which the future interest of the story is to grow—is better adapted to showing Miss Maddern to advantage than ser of the three others succeeding. In it Chip is permitted to coquette, romp and air the boydenish side of her nature—the only side the audience care to see. The second act becomes serious, the third melodramatic and the fourth emotional—all three of course failing to set off Miss Maddern's talents. None of these acts contain any comedy for her, what there is being given over to two intensely stupid characters—a man who answers in monosyllables and a maid whose pertness is nauseating. Miss Maddern can act pathos very sweetly, and a little dash of it here and there, to make a bit of shade as well as light, would give her a chance for many transitions. But after the first act her gaiety is made to disappear, and the ensuing gravity does not give her an opportunity to do nerself justice. The public want her pranks and not too much of her pathos. Frederick Marsden, the cleverest of American dramatists, could fit Miss Maddern worthily. He has a marvelous ability for dramatic tailoring-a line of work which is not to be sneered material to suit all sizes and figures. Possibly, by discarding all of Fogg's Ferry except the first act, he might be able to build something upon Callahan's drama; but we seriously doubt it.

Careful overhauling may render Fogg's Ferry presentable; but it will not be worthy of Miss Maddern even then. She carried the performance all on her own shoulders, acting with a naivete as rare as charming. The serious portions, badly as they are designed and written, prove that the star has intelligence and power of no mean order. But she is strikingly gifted in a merrier direction, and to that, and that alone, she should be confined. Her figure is petite, her face girlish, her voice sweet and nicely modulated. There is not the slightest suspicion of brass about her; she has plenty of the assurance born of ious ability to do the work she has set forth to do; she is bold without sacrificing

There is a brilliant vista in prospect for Miss Maddern. She is but eighteen years of age; she is the immediate descendant of a family of actors; she has made an instantaneous personal success in New York at an unpropitious season for dramatie exploits; she is under the guidance of two men who will place her before the public in a proper manner. A fair estimate of their ability to do this may be had in the remarkably skilful billing and advertising which prefaced their stars appearance.. What she needs now is a play. re will be little difficulty in getting this tial or having Fogg's Ferry rewritten by a writer who understands the requireto of the stage (which Mr. Callahan, the ain sailing for the little woman. Her hit as so pronounced that many but a special desirable dates at the disposal

Mary Loduski Young is a haid Raymond himself is as delightfully funny as they may or may not think about the play

actress, whose very knewledge of the cold rules of acting is unpleasant. She played Blanche Norwood, a stony hearted alleged heiress, as though she had diagramed the business with a three foot rule. Alice Brooks was east for the offensively pert maid, Martha. She spoke the slang which is liber-Martha. She spoke the slang whi ally distributed over her lines with an unction betraying a too inti-mate acquaintance with the cant form of expression in vogue among the boys who sell Heralds around the City Hall. Mme. Michel was capital as Mrs. Fogg, a Daketa version of Mother Frochard. Wilham Herbert's Old Fogg was an excellent character sketch. A gentleman named Blake, who looked like a perambulating telegraph pole, played the villam Bruce Rawdon, and was very funny. When he left two subordinate villains to place a dynamite torpedo in the river for the purpose of blowing up a steamboat, because an "alibi might be necessary." the audience were accurate. be necessary," the audience were convulsed. Mr. Blake is a friend of the author and, was chosen to play Bruce on that account. were unable to discover any other just. grounds for the selection. Atkins Lawrence is cast for a lover; he would have done Blake's part better, as the character seems to be more in his line. William Cullington was William Still, and Cullington still, teo, for that matter. A. H. Hastings played an unimportant role finely.

The mounting was excellent. The ferry in Act One, and the old mill an a river, with the steamboat and torpedo explosion, was effectively managed. Miss Maddern's engagement is for two weeks only.



A large audience, including many profesnonal people, was gathered at the Fifth Avenue Monday to greet A. Z. Chipman as a star in his play, A Checkered Life. Both were disappointing, the gentleman essaying two difficult attempts and failing completely in each. We were present at a reading of the piece some time ago, and were led to believe it would be well received from the possibilities in it developed at the recital. But because a play reads well it by no means follows that it will act well, and vice versa. This was the case of Checkered Life. The strong points became weak, and the weak did not gain strength on representation. The sentiment is mawkish and unreal; the materials are old and handled unskilfully, the language is trite and too often illiterate; the melodramatic fea tures on which much faith was pinned fell flat. Hazel Kirke, Banker's Daughter, Hearts of Oak and numerous familiar stories have been generously infringed upon, yet the combination of tried stuff is treated so poorly that it wearied without amusing the specta tors. There is not a ghost of a chance for Checkered Life, and Mr. Chipman sooner or later must return to the stock or "try it again." He has solid backing, and may induce the backer to continue the piece for some time. Sooner or later it will have to go to the wall, even if a Jay Gould were tossing bank notes to it in the background.

Mr. Chipman is a pretty good actor in parts requiring a modest amount of ability; but the character of Ernest Lenwood requires a greater player than exists to-day to make it even tolerable. Mr. Chipman has found the means of gratifying the always laudable ambition to star, and he has thoroughly satisfied his friends of the absence of the slightest qualifications for occupying the position craved. The truth is best in all cases; we hope the exactness of our statements will convince Mr. Chipman of the futility of further plans in the direction of stellar fame. That sterling favorite, W. J. Lemoyne, played an old farmer, who goes blind, like Dunstan Kirke, but resembles the iron-willed miller in no other particular, both conscientiously and well. Julia Stewart played the fanciful daughter of an impossible banker; Katie Mayhew acted a small part sweetly; and Lisette Ellani, as a chambermaid, was quite pleasing. Mr. Wills, dialect comedian, was amusing in a German character. The play was nicely mounted. Several incidental songs and choruses by Fred Lyster attracted notice; but people don't care to hear the peasants of pastoral drama burst forth in songs about their happiness, the weather, and subjects of a similar nature. Checkered Life will run two weeks only, unless Mr. Chipman extends the rental of the theatre for a longer period, which he may do it he chooses, for he has the privilege of indefinite extension.

Quaint John Raymond opened at Niblo's Monday night for one week in Fresh. The audience was large and gave the favorite comedian a hearty welcome. Fresh has received frequent and extensive notice in these columns, and the present presentation calls for no special mention, further than that

ever and his company are satisfactory in every respect. Charles Rockwell is seen for the first time here as the Baron, Sedley Brown as the Eunuch, and D. H. Chase as Manassah. Business is very good. Next week C. H. Smith's double-barrelled Uncle Tom, with two Topsys and ten bloodhounds. Two Marks and three donkeys are also promised, as if the wenches and dogs were not sufficiently liberal.

There is an abundance of comic opera in the city at present. It steals in as the more serious attractions fold their tents for the Summer. At Tony Pastor's Olivette, misleadingly billed as the Ideal representation, is doing very well. The company is excellent-in several instances remarkably clever. Next Monday Patience will be put up, with an admirably selected cast, strengthened by the accession of Alma Stuart Stanley as Grosvenor. From Wallack's to Pastor's isn't such a big step as people suppose. It might be longer if the destination were reversed. The Hess Acme Opera company are in their third week at the Standard, and The Chimes of Normandy constitutes the bill for the present week. This opera was first popularized by Hess, although it never made the money its merits called for. Many members of the original cast are now singing, and a thoroughly satisfactory performance in given. The Norcross troupe at the Germania are creating a pleasant impression and drawing crowds. There are four distinct and separate managers connected with this organization, yet things move smoothly and the court records show no evidence of even one nice little "bounce." Too many cooks are apt to spoil the potage; too many managers generally manage to shut up a theatre in two weeks. The Germania people are luckier-like the cat, the monkey, the dog and the pithicus at Bunnell's, they constitute a happy family. But although they number four strong, they are seldom seen in the front of the house. Is the cause a shrinking modesty or the pretty ballet?

The fifth week of All at Sea-and the reason we cannot see at all just now, in the merry month of May, unless it is that the little company is composed of really clever people. Upon thinking it over, we believe that does account for it, and for the liberal patronage which enables Mr. Clayton's show to hold its ground without depleting the backer's purse. This is a bad time of the year for new, strange attractions, as Mile. Eugenie Legrand will come forward and take her little oath to, and it is the unexpected and remarkable Springtide of favor of All at Sea that makes old stagers pause and say, "Can such things really be." The generous advertising has had something to do with the success-for the piece is densely stupid, and only the talent of the artists engaged carry it-and we respectfully commend the policy of Mr. Clayton to M'sieu Casauran, who contends that money spent in letting people know you've got a good thing through the business columns of the newspapers is money that might just as well be thrown into a gutter or destroyed in a

Down town, at the Windsor, in the mos populous portion of the city, James O'Neil is playing Jean Renaud, and demonstrating how futile a task it is to try and force A Celebrated Case down the people's throats. the Union Square Theatre, and even there we doubt if anything like a temporary con tinuance of its first success could be had. The story is too lugubrious to draw, even with such an admirable actor as James O'Neil in the principal character. There are so many parts directly in his line in which he has exploited with flattering results that we pause before Manager E. M. Gardiner's choice of a good for-nothing-in the sense of profitdrama for his star, with eves and mouth wide open. The Fifth Avenue Theatre experience a few weeks ago should have been a lesson. The Windsor engagement will probably prove one. Next week The Professor, which is drawing the Normal School girls and Columbia College boys to the Fourteenth Street to study the adventures of the universal enemy of under-graduatedom outside the walls of learning, will be trans ferred to this theatre for one week, and all the East Side gamins-whose alma mater is the streets, and whose teacher is stern necessity-will have seven opportunities for ob serving the Yale creation of Mr. Gillette's ingenious brain. Frank Mordaunt will anchor at the Professor's present abiding place on Monday, at which date and at which harbor Old Shipmates will be introduced to the port of New York. Bob Morris, the builder, has been making careful preparations for the wharting ever since it slid off the ways, and there is no doubt that he has got the critics into shipshape order by means of the Telegram. But the troublesome critics-small units that they really are in the sum total of professional success-are strangely slippery creatures, and Bob's kind. disinterested and overwhelming favors may go, as they have gone before, all wrong. Be ware of 'em, Robert! Whatever their verdict may be, and that matters little except to test once more the dogged resentment felt by the clique of our daily press people to-wards anybody who commits the fatal mistake of showing them kindess, whatever

and its author THE MIRROR has rea for knowing that Old Shipmates will turn out to be a clean, wholesome piece, lacking omewhat in brilliancy and strength, but cleverly constructed and quite enjoyable. The acting of Frank Mordaunt will be admirable, and the company better than the average of combinations fresh from the road, for the simple reason that it has been changed and improved for the benefit of the metropolis. The fact of these alterations may be complimentary to the public of this city, or very much otherwise to the travelling cast. In any event, both Mr. Mordaunt and Mr. Morris-a splendid actor and a conscientious journalist-have THE MIRROR'S warmest wishes in the result of Monday's production.

La Belle Russejis advertised as an "instant and triumphant success." Perhaps the types tell the truth; but very often they don't, especially in the Herald advertisements. Wallack's is having a fair amount of patronage for the tag of the season, and there will be no money lost on Belasco's piece.

Fritz has taken Ireland and his monstrous dog over to Williamsburgh. The big audiences also accompany him, the pretty Novelty being crowded Monday and Tuesday nights.

Eugenie Legrand is seen to advantage as Camille, at the Union Square, and she is happy, too. How much or how little George Darrell's departure for Europe, last week, may have to do with this change of mental condition we are not prepared to say. Mile. Legrand has had the advantage of fine schooling abroad; she is, we believe, the wife of Kyrle Bellew, and there are many other excellent reasons why her qualifications for the stage should be recognized. In time, if she perseveres, Mile. Legrand will be able to overcome the dire effects of that fearful slump, Solange, but not until another engagement. For next week "a new play" is announced-which new play, it is said, is Diane de Lys. We hope report speaks truly; the danger of another dose like poor Darrell's horror cannot be contemplated by the stoutest heart without terror.

After this there will be only two more weeks of Squatter Sovereignty at the Comique, and the approach of the end is marked by a flood of porters and small paper all over town. Last night (Wednesday) was the 150th night of the comedy; but it was not celebrated by mementoes of the occasion. Such events have lost novelty in the eyes of Harrigan and Hart, who are used to their frequent recurrence. It is too late to suggest-but a raging Billy Goat, rampant, would have been an appropriate souvenir.

The two-hundredth representation of Esneralda was celebrated by the distribution of a beautiful souvenir and the raising of prices all over the theatre for the occasion The audience was very large, and they paid the advance for mementoes that were worth the extra charge. They consisted of artistic albums containing artotype portraits of the characters in the play. There were two pictures of Liddy Ann and two of Elbert Rogers, changes having occurred in the people playing those parts since the beginning of the run. The taste of the Madison ture of their various souvenirs has never been equalled by other people who have adopted the fashion inaugurated several years ago, by Stephen Fiske, in the distribution of silver bricks commemorative of an anniversary of the Big Bonanza at the Fifth Avenue Theatre. Esmeralda continues to enjoy the steady tide of popularity which set in with its first night, and it will go on until Fall to doubtlessly equal receipts; hot weather makes the artificially cool Madison Square a refuge and retreat in Summer. A change of people will take place in June, when the present cast will be allowed a vacation.

"Dolly" Dolaro is meeting with a great deal of encouragement from the papers and a moderate amount from the public at the Bijou in the comedies Lesson in Love and First Night. She will continue both pieces for the present.

The present is the last week of Rice's Surprise Party in Cinderella at School. Mr. Morse, the composer, we trust, has some body doing the piece now from whom he will get his royalties. Business has not been good, and the questionable policy of freely issuing paper has been frequently resorted

The Musical Mirror.

Nothing gives us greater satisfaction than to be able, with a clear conscience, to praise the work of our native authors and composers. We are glad at heart to acknowledge the rapid strides made by Americans in branches of cultivation that, a very few years ago, were, agriculturally speaking, unploughed soil. True, as in all cases where the virgin soil is rich but crude, the products are luxuriant, but coarse and ill flavored. There is a tendency on the part of our artists to take the will for the deed-to think that.

because they wish to be great authors, actors, singers, composers or painters, ipeo facto they areso, and the long course of study, which in older countries is deemed necessary to true success, is heroically dispensed with. The result is not always encouraging. We have no lack of attempts, but very few real achievements. In the domain of comic opera we have one very moderate example of successful writing-The Doctor of Alcantara, by Eichberg-a foreigner, be it noted who was educated abroad and in European traditions. The things in it that are good are not original. The things in it that are original are not good. The songs have a wearisome monotony of construction and a fatal lack of "taking" melody. They are merely music made to order and by the vard. The concerted pieces are in no wise concerted, but are strings of phrases heaped together as with a hayfork. Here and there one picks out a bit of melody or an apposite musical expression; but, on close examination, these little gems are recognized as having formed part of many a former set of iewels. The work we write of is a very nicely got up comic opera called Incog. Music by Clark W. Evans and words by J. J. Fox, M. D. With the music there is little technical fault to be found-all is done "decently and in order." There is merely a lack of salient feature and original thought, and we should not be at all surprised to hear of Mr. Evans yet as a composer of merit; but he has striven to run before he has learned to walk. And, fast nation though we be, the race is not yet to the "go-as you please" competitor.



Olivette, as given at Tony Pastor's Fourteenth Street Theatre, is "adapted to the vernacular of the locality," according to the daily papers. However that may be, the opera is very well done-well dressed, wall acted and well chorussed. Mr. Laurent and Mr. De Lorme are both good tenors and good fellows into the bargain. Mesers. Rennie and Stanton are very funny comedians. We are promised an increased band when Patience shall be produced. Good! We are glad to see that the laudable example of Messrs. D'Oyly Carte, Norcross and Grau is about to be followed.

The Mascotte, at the Germania, is a success, owing, we verily believe, to the care and liberality displayed in the musical getup of the opera and the full and satisfying band-which it is a comfort to sit and listen to. Mr. Molten is a very nice "tenorino," sings very well, acts nicely, and is quite the best Frederic we have had yet in New York.

Mr. Henry Peakes is a very good Gaspard in The Chimes of Normandy. It is rather astounding to the unaccustomed ear to hear Gaspard sing his music in a "big manly voice," and speak his lines in "a childish treble that pipes and whistles in the sound." But the ways of singers are past finding out, and, for a singer, Mr. Harry Peakes is a very good actor indeed. Mrs. Zelda Seguin Wallace made a very good Germaine as far as singing and acting goes. She is perhaps a trifle mature for the part, but an artist for all that. Miss Adelaide Randall is anice Mignonette. Why the name is changed from the original Serpolette, Boston alone knows. Mr. Mark Smith is an excellent Marquis. The chorus is full and the conductor a true musician-as we had occasion to remark in our last notice of this operatic company.

Master Michael Banner's farewell concert was but meanly attended. The beneficiary is a clever boy, untimely forced into a position, which, we doubt not, he will deserve in due time. Like forced fruits and immature meat, precocious talent is mawkish and innutritious. Let Master Banner hang on the outer walls till he gets ripe.

The avatar of Mr. Arbuckle and his Military Band at Koster and Bial's has driven away the crowd of fast men and women whom the variety performances of the past Winter had attracted to that place of amusement as carrion attracts flies. The audience now begins to assimilate to that which used to attend the Remenyi concerts last year.

Pen and Pencil.



New plays are rarely produced in Brook tyn, except at the Tabernacle. There is an anny influence about the place which is forbidding to everything but tried attracons. Colonel Sinn and Mr. Haverly are satisfied with combinations—the former because he has not forgotten One of Our People the latter because he has strong scruples against meddling with anything that has not been experimented with first by somebody else. But Hyde and Behman are different. They have a handsome new theatre and they are willing to father new plays. A Square Man made his appearance at their Grand Opera House Monday night, and Pen and Pencil, of course determined to encourage enterprise suburban as well as local, pilgrimaged over the river to assist at the event Even our curiosity in regard to Minnie Maddern was held secondary to A Square Man; so while THE MIRROR'S critic was watching Chip and old Fogg at the Park we were watching Blossom and Tool Jock in the City of Churches.

The Square Man has a history. He did not exist under that title a few weeks ago. The Angel of Piety Flat covered him up like a bushel, and he and she were half promised to McKee Rankin and Kitty Blanchard, who wanted something new for their limited repertoires. Whether it was that theyfeared Mr. Schwartz-city editor of the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph - the author, might claim the piece as his own work, or whether some less probable reason stood in



the way, they relinquished their right to a first back at it, and Mr. Schwartz looked about for another purchaser. While Mr. J. M. Hill was in Philadelphia, four or five weeks ago, Ben Maginley told him about the drama and procured a hearing for it. Mr. Hill, who thinks and acts with great discernment and promptitude, liked it and secured it on the spot, paying the author a sum. Then a company was gotter up, and a date made at Hyde and Behman's Theatre for its trial. This came off, as obscurely intimated above, on Monday night. There was a well-filled parquet and balcony and a packed gallery. The production had been splendidly advertised, and the Brook. lyn public yearned for the unwonted privilege of sitting in solemn judgment on a brand-new piece. A Square Man played by a square man and managed by the squarest man 1 ever met, formed a perfectly arresistible combination. Everything was therefore in trim for a success. It came in due time.

The plot is pretty and sufficiently original. There is no pistol practice, lynching or bowie knife exercise in its progress. There m no seduction or attempted defilement of

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virtue. This was novel as well as wholesome to begin with; for there are few wild Western dramas in which these elements are not dragged in.

Blossom, the pet of Boomer Run, through the death of her dissolute father is left to the rough sympathy of the primitive mining scientious purpose in the actor's efforts up, and more, too, with Baron Rudolph.

camp. She is befriended by Jack Kenyon, the square man, who fostered her when she was a nine-pound baby and who loves her like a paternal relative. The miners have no objection to his taking her under his wing, for Jack is a mature inhabitant, above any suspicion of bad motives. He shelters Blossom in his cabin; the boys bring her a governess from Denver to make her a lady, and shower upon her gifts of nuggets, revolvers, pianos, fine dresses and a special territorial permit to engage in any occupation, from saloonkeeping to bonnet-making, that may suit her fancy. Meanwhile an adventurer, Bart Ro maine, assisted by a rascally accomplice, one Hop Thompson, concocts a plan to wed Blossom in order to obtain the wealth of a rich gold mine which belongs to the waif, but is honestly believed by Jack to be his own personal property. The Square Man finds budding in his rugged breast a sentimental passion for Blessom. She secretly reciprocates the feeling. Honest Jack imagines the object of his unspoken affections has fallen in love with the attentive Mr. Romaine, and color is lent to this supposition by the discovery of the girl in that gentleman's arms. It is needless to explain that she is there by accident purely. Blossom's heart is also rended by a growing belief that her governess



and Jack are making up to each other, and on the strength of this she fleer down the mountains and finds refuge with an actress, Rosanna Brown, who owns a cabin of her own, being more fortunate in this respect than the ma jority of professionals. Before departing, Hop Thompson endeavors to set Blosson against Jack by producing her legal claim to Thimble Rock mine, and charging her noble protector with having purposely defrauded her of her just rights in the same. This base allegation she is forced to accept as true; but she loves Jack, and leaves behind her, on her flight, a transfer of the claim putting him in possession of the mine. This document he destroys in the presence of the conspirators and goes down into the mine for a letter Blossom has left in the pocket of his coat. While underground the rascal Thompson sets fire to some blasting powder and an explosion ensues. But he is foiled in his designs, for Jack emerges from the smoke and flame intact. He seeks out Blossom and finds her misled by Romaine's false statements and betrothed to him. Explanations ensie; Jack reveals his heart's secret to Blossom; she renounces the villain and casts herself into the Square Man's protecting arms. Romaine and



Thompson are discomfited thoroughly the governess pairs off with General Zeck Peabody, a bumptious, kindhearted chap who slightly resembles Major Britt, of My Partner fame; an English tourist, who has caused a good deal of fun by his sublime ignorance of mining customs, takes up with Rosanna Brown, the actress, and his aristo cratic sister splices with a good-hearted rough 'un named Joe Stark. This brings everything to a happy termination.

Maginley plays the Square Man with commendable earnestness. He is a warm, impulsive, honest, burly being served up on the half shell. He bears no other resemblance to Joe Saunders or Sandy McGee except that all three wear top-boots, flannel shirts and broad brimmed hats. His nature is as simple and coniding as a child's; he is actuated by the best motives moving mankind. His love for Blossom has no element of young ardor; it is the strong, earnest feeling of a mature man. The contemplation of such a character cannot be but beneficial in the legitimate. to the public. I feared Deacon Ben's avoirdupois would be a drawback to his essaying a serious part. But it was not noticeable, and if it had been otherwise, the manly, frank bearing, the presence of a con-

would have cast it quite in the background. Maginley made an undoubted hit, and de



served the roars of applanse that greeted him during the piece at frequent intervals And this reminds me to say that seldom have I witnessed such enthusiasm in a theatre as was manifested by that audience Monday night. They cheered, laughed, stamped and clapped their hands in a manner most unusual. The reason was that The Square Man appealed irresistibly to their sympathies, and they joyed in his joys and grieved in his sorrows just as if every single seat in the Grand Opera House contained a personal friend of Jack Kenyon. Ed. Lamb, of course, made an amusing character of Zeck Pea body, the man "who never gets left," and after some elaboration it will stand as a companion figure to Major Britt. Herbert Ayling must have had something ailing him, for he played an English tourist, Alfred Missimer, with an accent far from British. Still, he made the people laugh-about all that is required of a comedian now-a days, without reference to the real merit of his work. J.C. Padgett was Hop Thompson, W. J. Johnson Jim Jennings, who falls from



cliff (off the stage), J. L. Morgan Joe Stark, "who never played it low," and E. G. Spangler a truly remarkable individual, Bart Romaine. Jack never could have been jealous of such a fellow. Teddy Ryan, whose nationality need not be indicated, was well played by Luke Martin. As the piece originally stood this character was a "greaser." No doubt, out of deference to the Land League, it was changed to a sprig of Erin, mayourneen. Nevertheless, strange as it may seem, the dynamite used in Act Three has no connection with the gentleman. Libbie Noxon is a trifle too old for Blossom; but she is a responsible soubrette, and never sank below mediocrity. Meta Bartlett was rather stiff, but very ladylike, as the Governess. Rosanna Brown, the actress, although a small unit in the cast, was winningly acted by pretty little Blanche Vaughan. Amelia Herbert did not shine as Celia, the Englishman's sister.

A Square Man is a great success. It will please and draw everywhere. Next week Messrs. Theall and Williams will put it on at their Novelty Theatre. I must not sign my name without saying a few words about the mounting the play received at the hands of Hyde and Behman. The scenery was painted by De La Hope, the artist of the Grand Opera House. It was picturesque and admirably executed throughout. The cabin exterior and mountain view of Act Three and the Silver Gulch of Act Four were gems that would have done credit to Marston or Goatcher.

Florence Elmore is at present in Utica, the guest of the Hon. Horatio Seymour. Her father, who is U. S. Senator from Tennessee, and Ex Governor Seymour, are warm personal triends. Miss Elmore has made such wonderful advancement in her chosen profession, that it is claimed by her friends that she now stands at its head! She has received fabulous offers for next season, but with her social position, marked dramatic ability, magnificent stage presence, and abundant fortune, her advisers insist upon her starring

George Knight says he lost \$10,000 on Government Bonds,-probably the worst, investment in governments the profession knows of. But he declares it was all made

An Important Decision.

JUSTICE DEVENS' OPINION IN THE CASE OF TOMPEINS AND HILL VS. HALLBOK IN THE MATTER OF "THE WORLD."

A decision was rendered by Mr. Justice Devins, of Boston, on Tuesday in the above case, which removes the former ruling that the representation of a play is equivalent to its publication, and that any person who memorizes it is justified in its use. THE MIRROR prints the text of the decision exclusively and in detail :

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The drama called The World was originally composed in England, where, after being presented, it was sold to one Colville, in New York, who caused it to be altered and amended to suit the presumed taste of an American audience by one Stevenson. It was represented in New York at Wallack's Theatre with success, and was there assigned to the plaintiff with the exclusive right to represent the same in the New England States. The drama does not appear to have been copyrighted or printed. While represented at Wallack's Theatre, one Byron and one Mora attended the representation on three or more occasions, with the intent of copying and reproducing the drama as there enacted. Byron committed as much of the play as he could to memory, and after each performance dictated it to Mora until the copy was completed. It was not shown that either took any notes or written memoranda in the theatre. Byron subsequently made an agreement with the defendant to produce the same, and against the remonstrance of plaintiffs, who informed him of their ownership, it was advertised and produced by the defendant at the theatre known as the Alhambra. It was called The World, as produced by defendant, and is found to be in all substantial particulars identical with complainant's drama of the same name. It being found by the judge who heard the case that the dialogue and incidents of the drama were acquired by memory by Byron, who visited Wallack's Theatre sufficiently often for that purpose, that no written or steuographical minutes were made either by him or Mora in the theatre, and that there was no violation of any trust or confidence reposed in them ty plaintiffs or their assignors, he ruled that no injunction could issue; but at the request of the complainants reported the case for reconsideration by the full court. If the ruling is sustained, the bill to be dismissed—otherwise an injunction is to issue and the case to be referred to a master for the assessment of damages. be dismissed—otherwise an injunction is to issue and the case to be referred to a master for the assessment of damages.

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These facts bring the case clearly within the principles decided in Keene vs. Kimball. 16 Gray, 545. and it is frankly admitted by the counsel for the plaintiffs that unless that decision can be reconsidered and reversed, no injunction can issue according to the prayer of the bill. The question decided in Keene vs. Kimball had never until then been determined in any reported case. It had been discussed with great ability by Judge Cadwallader in the Circuit Court of the United States for Eastern District of Pennsylvania, where a decision of it had not been necessary in order to dispose of the case before him. Keene vs. Wheatley, 9 Am. Law Reg. 33. Adopting the views there expressed, it was held "that the literary proprietor of an unprinted play cannot, after making or sanctioning its representation before an indiscriminate audience, maintain an objection to any such literary or dramatic republication by others, as they may be enabled either directly or secondarily to make from its being retained in the memory of any of the audience." The case of Keene vs. Kimball has not since been re affirmed here, nor that we are aware of elsewhere, nor has it been distinctly denied by the decision of any adjudicated case except that of French vs. Connolly, decided by the Superior Court of N. Y., which is not the final tribunal in that State. N. Y. weekly Dig. 197. The defendants in that case were charged with representing an unprinted play, Around the World in Eighty Days, in violation of the rights of the plaintiff. They sought to maintain a defence upon the ground that they had themselves dramatized the story from Jules Verne's work of the same name. They were unsuccessful in this, and it having been proved that the copy used by them was obtained by the memory of individuals after witnessing the public representation, an injunction was issued restraining the defendants from further representing it. An exa from further representing it. An examina-tion will, however, show various and con-flicting opinions expressed by jurists, as well as by text writers of high respectability upon the question involved. Keene vs. Clarke, 2 Sweeny; Palmer vs. DeWitt, 2 Sweeny, 8. C. 47 N. Y.; Crowe vs. Alken, 2 Biss. 215; Shook vs. Rankin, 3 Cent. Law J.; Bouci-cault vs. Fox, 5 Blatch 98, Drone on Copy-right.

In view of this contrariety of opinion, it is not an unreasonable request on the part of the plaintiffs that thequestion involved should be re-examined in order that the Court may consider whether the decision in Keene vs. Kimball expresses correctly the rights of parties, and gives to the proprietors of un published plays the full protection to which they are entitled.

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The Stat. of 8 Annie, C. 19, which is the foundation of the English copyright law, while it included plays and dramatic compositions, protected the author in his exclusive right to publish in print, but not in that of public representation of his work. It has since been modified by the St. 3 and 4, William IV., and subsequently by that of 5 and 6, Vict. 45. The Stat. of U. S., 1831, C., was similar in this respect to the original English law, and, like it, has been so changed by the Stat. of 1856, C. 169, that protection in the exclusive representation is protection in the exclusive representation is now afforded when the play is published in

It is, perhaps, somewhat remarkable that protection in exclusive representation was not afforded by the Stat. of 8 Anne, C. 19, which is said in D'Almaine, vs. Boosey 1, Y. and C., case 288, by Lord Lyndhurst, to have been one of the most laboriously considered acts ever passed by the British Parliament. Although the result of the petitions of the English booksellers, it was submitted to and carefully examined and passed upon by committees of which many distinguished literary men were members. When it is remembered that among these were such dramatic writers as Addison and Steele, it would seem that this right would have been carefully guarded. Dramatic compositions differ from other literary productions not intended for oral delivery in this, that they have two distinct values, each worthy of protection: That which they have as books or publications for the reader, and that which they have by reason of their capacity for scenic representation. They are works in prose or poetry in which stories are told or It is, perhaps, somewhat remarkable that

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That the right of property which an author has in his works continues until by publication a right to their use has been conferred upon or dedicated to the public, has never been disputed. If such publication be made in print of an uncopyrighted work, it is a complete dedication thereof for all purposes of the public. 8 Peters, 591; 17 Howard, 454. If of a copyrighted work it is so subject to the protection afforded by the laws of copyright, the author accepting the statutory rights thereby given in place of his common law rights. But the representation of an unpristed and uncopyrighted work upon the stage is not a publication which will deprive the author or his assigned of his rights of property therein. Roberts vs. Myers, 23 Law Reporter, 397.

It will not interfere with his claim to obtain a copyright therefor, Keene vs. Kimball, nor will it deprive him of his power to prevent a publication in print thereof by another. Macklin vs. Richardson, Ambler 694.

Nor can we perceive why it should deprive him of his right to restrain the public representation thereof by another. It is said indeed in Keene vs. Kimball that the Court is not aware of any case then existing either in England or America "in which the representation for money, except the case of Morris vs. Kelly, Jacobs and Walker 491; the authority of which is doubted, it being impossible to reconcile it with the earlier cases of Coleman vs. Wathen 5 T. R., 245, or with the subsequent decision in Murray vs. Elliston 5 B. and Ald., 637. This statement, to ken in connection with the general terms in which the conclusion of the Court is expressed at the end of their opinion "that the representation by the defendant of a dramatic work of which the proprietor has no copyright, and which she had previously caused to be publicly represented and exhibited for money, is no violation of any right of property, although done without hoeses from such proprietor would indicate that in the view of the Court, even if a copy were obtained either by notes, writing or stenography, although the copy was in fact obtained in the case them adjudicated by means of memory of spectators, there might properly be a subsequent public representation by the possessor of such a copy. In this view public representation is treated as a complete dedication of such a work for that purpose to all who can obtain in any way from the representation itself a copy thereof.

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The case of Coleman vs. Wathen was an action brought by the plaintiff, who was the manager of the Haymarket Theatre, and who owned the copyright of O'Keeffe's farce, called The Agreeable Surprise, against the manager of a theatre in Richmond, on account of the performance of it for the penalty imposed by the St. of 8 Anne, C. 19, as for an unauthorized publication. The verdict having been in his favor it was set ande upon the ground that the only publication by which the statutory penalty could be incurred was a publication in print. It was argued by Mr. Erskine, for the plaintiff, that independent of the statute there was a common law right by which the author had an exclusive property in his works, but it is obvious that this portion of his argument had little relevancy in an action for a penalty imposed by statute. The case was heard in 1793, before Lord Kenyon or Mr. Justice Buller, and may be dismissed as having no bearing upon an inquiry as to the rights of a Buller, and may be dismissed as having no bearing upon an inquiry as to the rights of a party to be protected against the unanthorised representation of a play not copyrighted. The case of Morris vs. Kelley was that of a bill filed in 1820 by the proprietor of another farce of O'Keeffe's for an injunction to prevent its performance at a rival theatre. The play was one which had been long performed and had been copyrighted, but had never been printed by authority of the author or proprietor, or otherwise published than by representation. An injunction was granted by Lord Eldon. The report of the case is very brief, and no opinion of the Lord Chancellor is preserved, which is much to be regretted, as his discussion of the question involved would have been of value.

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In 1822 Mr. Murray, the publisher, the owner of the copyright of Lord Byron's tragedy of Marino Faliero, who had printed and published it for sale, applied for an injunction to restrain Mr. Elliston, the manager of Drury Lane Theatre, from representing it in an abridged form on the stage of that theatre. The injunction was granted by Lord Eldon, who sent to the King's Bench the question whether the plaintiff could, under such circumstances, maintain an action against the defendant for publicly representing the tragedy thus abridged, and that court certified its opinion in the negative. Murray vs. Elliston, 5 B. and Ald.,637. As no opinion was delivered, it is impossible to ascertain upon what ground the decision of the Court of King's Bench was placed. It may have been upon the ground that the abridgement was a fair one, and that thus no invasion of the author's rights had been committed, the Euglith law being extremely liberal to one who sbridges the work of another. It may have been upon the ground that as there had been a publication in print there was no redress for an unauthorized theatrical representation, or upon the ground that there was no such redress in any case where the party had copyrighted his play, as he then accepted the protection which he might have at common law. If decided upon the latter ground, the case is not recencelable with that of Morris vs. Kelley, and this for the reason that meagre as the report is, upon examination it clearly appears that the play which was then the subject of controversy was a copyright play. Were it otherwise, the case could well stand together. "After the decision of Murray vs. Elliston, 5 B. and Ald. 657," says Lord Den-

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PROVINCIAL



What the Player Folk are Doing All Over the Country.

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The reappearance of the Union Square ecospany in The Banker's Daughter, at the Park, drew together some of the best houses of the season. The Banker's Daughter is very popular here, and always draws crowded houses. The fine play was seen in its best phases, and the absence of Mr. Thorne was but little felt, although his personation of Strebelow is very strong. Still, Joseph Whiting exerted himself to the utmost in the portrayal of the character, and his efforts were much appreciated. He demonstrated his superiority as a careful, conscientious actor. Max Freeman as the Count, deserves great praise, making the character a central figure in importance and ability, and contributing greatly to the excellence of the cast. In the ball room scene Mr. Freeman played superbly, looking the character to perfection and acting in a most graceful manner. He bore off a great shale of the honors of the performance. Sara Jewett played Lillian with the same sympathetic power as before, and acted with great earnest ness. In several scenes she was very fine. Maude Harrison plays Mrs. Brown with vivasity and naturalness. Walden Ramsey was excellent as Rutledge. Parselle, Stoddart, Morris, Mrs. Phillips and Eva French gave the good personations which I have often written of before. This week, Lights e' London, with the original New York east.

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est. Mea's second week at the Museum was more successful than her first. School for Scandal and Much Ado About Nothing drew out the admirers of those standard plays. Rhea's Lady Test's was a painstaking and meritorious piece of acting, although it was not an English Lady Teasle, but a mixture of the French and Russian. It was not without faults—indeed, they were manifest on many an occasion. But, for all this, the performance was a fair one—a well considered effort far above medicerity, and very creditable to a lady who played the part for the first time. Rhea's Beatrice was a poor performance, and she paid the penalty of injudicious puffery regarding her acting in other cities and the magnificence of her costumes. I am not a conneisseur in the matter of dress; but, to my thinking, I have seen Janauschek, Mrs. Florence and Annie Clarke wear quits as costly dresses as those worn by Rhea. Beneath the plumes of dress and loveliness she appears, not as Rhea, but as a player, and is to be regarded so. Rhea's personation of Beatrice was entirely deficient in evenness, and, indeed, in all of its attributes. Her conception lacks not only spirituality, but individual character and genuine feeling. All the delicate lights and shades that make up the character are wanting. The great scene between Beatrice and Benedict, where she calls upon him to kill Claudio, was almost made unbearable. A discriminating public is not to be coerced into endurement of an artist by artifice, and will evidently take umbrage at such a display of buncombe as managers have fulminated in the case of Rhea. A loyaly woman, granaful artifice, and will evidently take umbrage at such a display of buncombe as managers have fulminated in the case of Rhea. A lovely woman, graceful, charming in manner, artistic in costume, will not suffice for lack of stage attributes. The support by the Museum company was very good. Mr. Warren's performance of Sir Peter Teasle was masterly, and as fresh as I remember it more years ago than I have now any intention of pleading guilty to. Mrs. Vincent's Mrs. Candour is one of her best impersonations. One does not see Mrs. Vincent-with skill and a genuine appreciation of the role. Mr. Haworth, as Joseph Surface and Don Pedro, was seen to excellent advantage. Nora Bartlett did not shine as Hero, nor did Miss O'Leary as Maria in School for Scandal. This week, Edgewood Folks, by Sol Smith Russell and company.

The Black Crook did only fairly last week at the Globe. This week, Patience, by the Buston Ideals.

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The Operatic Festival at Mechanics' Fair Building was not a success pecuniarily, although the management carried out their promises to the letter. Miss Kellogg was in the best of a severe cold; but Mile. Von Arnheim did herself great credit in the roles cast to Miss Kellogg. There was some trouble about the payment of the money due to attaches; but Mr. Hyatt has acknowledged that he is responsible and will pay all his indebtedness when Frau Materna appears here in June.

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Items: Frederic de Believille, of the Union Square Theatre, is contined to his rooms with a severe attack of measles.—Alice Stewart Logan, of Den Thompson's company, will be married this week to Dr. George Galvin, of this city.—J. N. Gotthold left Boston Thurs day for Philadelphia.—Fred Pillot has recovered from his severe illness, and is still residing in Walpole.—Constance Murrelle and Lizsie Du Roy, of The Colonel combination, were in the city last week.—Mrs. Jane English (mother of Lucille and Helen Western) is still at the residence of James A. Herne, but will shortly leave for the Forrest Home, of which she is at present an inmate.—Mark Price has not made any engagement for next season, preferring to take his chances for sensational plays and the spectacular.—Fanny Barry, late of the Kiralfy combination, is at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Barry, in this city.—

Ruy Blas, with William Redmond in the title role, will be one of the attractions for the benefit of those estimable gentlemen. Charles Burnham and Martin Drake, at the Globe.—Nellie Larkelle, of the Kiralfy combination, has been quite ill all the week, but succeeded in playing Stalacta every night.—Mile. De Rosa will shortly be married to a maccaroni dealer in New York.—Mile. Bazzano sails for Europe June 3.—Emmle Wilmot is engaged for the heroine in Cezalia.—It stormed every day during the week's stay of Nathan's Circus. The circus is a very good one, and worthy of patronage.—Marc Klaw, the husband of Nettle Mcrris, daughter of Lon Morris, was in the city last week to attend the funeral of his father-in-law—Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Scott of the Maggie Mitchell combination will pass their vacation at their residence in Jamaica Plain.—R. J. Dillon will play in Cesalia.—George Parks, who goes to the Museum next season, will pass the Summer in Bethlehem, N. H.—H. A. Cripps will also spend his vacation at the same place.—Mile. Von Arnheim, who has made so favorable an impression at the opera, is a resident of Milwaukee, descending from a Dutch family named Arnheim.—The Casino will open 22d. It is donbiful if Nat Goodwin appears there this Summer.—Maggie Duggan, who made so favorable an impression in New York, was one of the principal favorites in the Soldene company, and is said to be one of the most graceful women on the stage.—Mrs. Octavia Allen, George Fortescue, George Howard, Nat Goodwin, George Tyler and Ed Byram all have cottages at Ocean Spray, a beautiful riverside resort near Boston.—Thirty years ago—Wednesday, May 10, 1852—Mrs. Vincent made her first appearance at the Boston Museum, appearing as Mrs. Pontifex in Naval Engagements, and has been a member of the company ever since, with the exception of one season, '61'62, when the late Emily Mestayer held the position of Mrs. Vincent for one season. To the delight of her many friends, the worthylady is engaged for next season.—Mile. Rhea will probably take a com

ST. LOUIS.

Grand Opera House (John W. Norton, manager): Smith's Double Star Two Orphan company drew a succession of empty benches during the week. The performance in some parts was good, however, Kate Pell and Helen Jennings being excellent as the Orphans. Haverly's Mastodons opened 14th.

People's Theatre (W. H. Smith, manager): Charlotte Thompson and her excellent com-pany did fairly in her new version of Jane Eyre. The performance was one of the most interesting given in St. Louis during the season. The Corune Opera company open

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Pope's Theatre (Chas. R. Pope, manager): Leavitt's Giganteaus held the boards during the week to fair business. The Philadelphia Church Choir Patience company, with Emily Melville, Lily Post, and others, will appear in that little opera 15th.

Items: Joe Toomey, of the firm of Noxon, Halley and Toomey, has just returned from a circuit, having fluished a number of orders for scenery and curtains for theatres at different points. He will soon start off for Texas, and then go up to Wisconsin. The firm is overrun with work, but their chief attention will be paid to the new sets for the Olympic and Opera House, and the magnificent new curtains for both houses, which will be superb.—Manager Smith, of the People's Theatre, has left for New York, the presentations to him having taken place as announced.—It is now definitely settled that the Pickwick, Uhrig's Case, and the Latayette Park Summer Theatres will open 29th with the attractions already announced.—Randall Brown, the mind reader, gives an exhibition of his powers at Pope's 14th.—The benefit to W. F. Dickson, assistant treasurer of Pope's, took place 8th, there being a good house present. Mr. Dickson was presented with a handsome silver service, the urn being appropriately inscribed on each side. The service was in seven pieces.—Enos Jameson, assistant treasurer at the People's, takes his first benefit to-night (18th). Charlotte Thompson and company will appear in the new version of Jane Eyre.—Next week will be the last of the season at Pope's.—Roland Reed and Jennie Yeamans in Cheek will hold the Opera House boards during the week of 21st.—Manager Charles A. Spalding, of the Olympic, has just recovered from a serious illness.—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Norton—warm admirers of horse flesh—have gone to Louisville to enjoy the races.—The annual Reunion of the Army of the Teunessee was held in St. Louis during the week, and the People's Theatr

BROOKLYN.

Park Theatre (Col. W. E. Sinn, manager):
The Passing Regiment was produced for
the first time on Monday evening. The audience was large and the piece well received.
Next week, Ada Gray.
Grand Opera House (Nick Norton, manager): A first-night. Ben Maginley, under
the management of J. M. Hill, appeared in E.
J. Schwartz's new play, A Square Man, supported by Ed Lamb, Libbie Noxon and the
stock. The piece, in detail, resembles '49.
Mr. Maginley appears in the title-role.
Academy of Music (E. A. Wier, manager): The Anthony and Ellis Ideal company
are playing Uncle Tom's Cabin.
Hyde and Behman's Theatre (E. D. Gooding, manager): Hyde and Behman's Star
Specialty company holds the boards, Pat
Kooney, Watson and Ellis, and many favorities of the variety stage are members of the
company.

Ltamar Havaria's Brooklyn Theatre closed

Items: Haverly's Brooklyn Theatre, closed on Saturday last the season of '81-'82, will reopen in September. E. A. Keyes, acting manager, will probably go to San Francisco as manager for Mr. Haverly. We regret to lose him.—Messrs. Hyde and Behman and Marie Prescott have generously tendered a series of benefits for the fund of the Jewish refugees, to commence 22d. Miss Prescott will appear as Leah.

BROOKLYN, B. D.

Novelty Theatre (Theali & Williams,

managers): Joe Emmet is having his usual large business with Fritz in Ireland.

Broadway Theatre (Maggie Weston, proprietress): Dan Maloney's Nomination and the usual variety bill is presented. Fair

Lee Avenue Baptist Church: Oscar Wilde delivered a very interesting lecture last Fri day night on "Art Decoration," and, not-withstanding the inclement weather, the attendance was very fair.

CINCINNATI.

Grand Opera House (R. E. J. Miles. man-Grand Opera House (R. E. J. Miles, manager): The programme offered by Haverly's United Mastodon Minstrels during past week was exceptionally attractive in every feature, and the attendance proportionally large. The Dockstaders (Lew and Charles) in their specialties scored a success. Billy Rice still retains his averaline avorduncies and timeshom. The Dockstaders (Lew and Charles) in their specialties scored a success. Billy Rice still retains his surplus avordupois and time-honored gags, but is one of the leading spirits of the troupe. The vocal selections of Garland, Harley, Malcolm and Wood were ren land, Harley, Malcolm and Wood were rendered with pleasing effect and invariably elicited encores. The troupe left for St. Louis 18th by special train. Legitimate tragedy, with John McCullough in charge, holds sway current week, followed 22d by the Audran Comic Opera company in the Snake Charmer.

Robinson's Opera House (R. E. I. Miles.

Robinson's Opera House (R. E. J. Miles, manager): Seaver's Rooms for Rent combi-nation constituted the terminal attraction of nation constituted the terminal attraction of the season at this house. The party closed 18th, and, despite the inciemency of the weather, the week's business was fairly remunerative. The comedy (though farce would define it more appropriately) possesses considerable merit and displays its author's thorough knowledge of stage details in its construction. I. N. Beers, as the happy golucky Bohemian, is entitled to notice for his rendition of the leading role. Edward Holst, T. F. McCabe, Genevieve Reynolds and Fanny McNeil acquitted themselves creditably. Manager Miles will in all probability manage the theatre during the season of 1852 83, which will be inaugurated early in September.

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Heuck's Opera House (James Collins, manager): The seeming paradox, that novelty may prove monotonous, was fully exemplitied by the poor patronage accorded Hyde and Benman's Novelty company during the week just closed. The season is rapidly drawing to a close, and the hill-top-resorts, with music and beer ad libitum, are seriously impairing theatrical business. Hyde and Behman's specialty people are always among the best, and such artists as Watson and Ellis, the Martells and Clara Moore are too well known to require more Moore are too well known to require more than passing mention. Charlotte Thompson fills out current week, presenting Jane Eyre (new version) as the attraction. Haverly's Opera company in Patience is underlined

Coliseum Opera House (Jas. E. Fennessy,

wanager): Season closed.

Vine Street Opera House (Chas. S. Smith, manager): The popular gold mine opens its portals 15th with an exceptionally strong specialty programme, whose roster embraces the Four Emeralds, Cummings and Murpby, the Four Emeralds, Cummings and Murphy, Lizzie Derious and Allie Smith, Billy Maloney and Mabel Gray, Ida Tracy, May Raymond and a number of others of lesser note. Huber, Egan, who occupied the position of stage manager under Col. Suelbaker's management of the old theatre, will officiate in the same capacity under the new

regime.

Items: Manager James E. Fennessy, of the Coliseum, benefits at Heuck's 17th of ensuing month, and Manager Jas. Collins, annual benefit occurs at same place June 5.—
Julius Cahn, business manager of the Rooms for Rent combination, will Summer in this city, and, together with Harry Lewis of the Grand, contemplates a limited theatrical seas n at the Highland House, Julius has been re engaged by Manager L. M. Seaver for the approaching season.—"Smiley" Walker, press agent of the Fanny Davenport compress agent of the Fanny Davenport company during the latter part of season just closed, arrived 18th, and expresses himself highly pleased with his experience. — James Collins, manager of Heuck's, visits the Metropolis current week, and will return in time to assist, in company with his wife (Martha Wren), at Harry Lewis' benefit 22d.—The enterprising young man who engineers the sale of the Haverly Minstrel songster and yells himself hoarse in its accomplishment should be immediately suppressed by Manager Gulick.—I. N. Beers, of the Rooms for Rent combination, which closed the season here 18th, I. N. Beers, of the Rooms for Rent combination, which closed the season here 13th, departed following date for his home in Philadelphia.—Materna occupied a private box at the Grand 13th, and apparently relished the minstrels' performance, more especially Leon's burlesque imitations of Aimes and Gerster.—Hubert Heuck, proprietor of Heuck's Opera House and the Coliseum, proposes tearing down the latter and the erection on its site of one of the finest theatres in the West. The house will be completed before October, and will be devoted to the better class of entertainments.—Billy Maloney, one of the specialty artists announced for the opening week of the Vine Street Opera House, is reported to have died in Chicago past week.—The May Musical Festival will be maugurated 18th, and the programme offered will comprise as soloists on that occasion: Materna, Annie Louise Cary, Candidus and Myron W. Whitney, Theodore Toedt and Franz Remmertz. George Whitney will be the organist of the Pestival. The advance sale of seats has been extremely large, and there is every indication of its unqualified success, artistically and financially. nation, which closed the season here 13th.

BALTIMORE.

Holliday Street Theatre (John W. Albaugh, Holliday Street Theatre (John W. Albaugh, manager): The Audran Opera company played a return engagement to very good business, and during the week presented The Snake Charmer; Olivette and Mascotte. Catherine Lewis is the star of the company, and renewed her previous successes here. As the Prince, in The Snake Charmer, she sang well and acted with much spirit and dash. Lillie Post was also good. Wallace McCreery was in good voice. A. W. McCollin proved himself to be a very clever comedian. The costuming was gorgeous comedian. The costuming was gorgeous and the chorus large and w.lldrilled. Emily Rigl opened to a crowded house on Monday night in Her Atonement. Business promises to be excellent this week. Next week, Charles L. Davis in Alvin Joslin.

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Ford's Opera House (John T. Ford. proprietor): Uncle Tom's Cabin was revived last week before big audiences, and it was received with the same hearty applause, laughter and tears as of old. Anthony and Ellis' company is a very good one, and the time honored drama received one of the best interpretations it has had here this season. The bloodhounds and donkeys are great acquisitions, while the singing of the Jubilee Singers, especially the Memphis University

Students, was very sweet and effective. Kate Partington gave an excellent performance of Topsy, and Dan Hart was a good Lawyer Marks. C. B, Bishop appeared as Old Middlewick in Our Boys, and as Mme. Vaucerpants in Wanted, One Thousand Milliners on Monday night. This is the last week of the regular season.

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Front Street Theatre (Dan A. Kelly, manager): Though Dick Gorman had played his well known drama, Conrad, here before this season, he was greeted throughout the week by large houses, and his play was well received. The usual olio preceded the drama. This week, Charles Howard in Mrs. Joshua Whitcomb. The olio embraces Fields and

This week, Charles Howard in Mrs. Joshua Whitcomb. The olto embraces Fields and Leslie. Mr. and Mrs. Logan, Ophelia Starr, Miles Morris and Sullivan and Harrington.

Items: The friends of manager J. W. Albaugh were out in full force last Thursday night, and his benefit was a rousing one. The programme was most entertaining. Mr. and Mrs. Albaugh both appeared for the first time this season, and, as they are great favorites here, were warmly received. They appeared in Palgrave Simpson's drama, Dreams of Delusion. Little Sadie Albaugh made her first appearance on any stage on this occasion, when she recited a poem enmade her first appearance on any stage on this occasion, when she recited a poem entitled "Little Jim." The Andran company gave an act of Olivette and an act of Snake Charmer. The testimonial on this occasion was a writing desk and chair, given to Mr. Albaugh by his friends of the Baltimore press, and a silver card stand by the employes of the theatrs.—Mathilde Cottrelly was billed to give four performances at the Concordia Opera House last week, but failed to appear.—Wednesday matinee and night performances will be given at Ford's Opera House for benefit of Free Excursion Association.—Kernan's Monumental Theatre has ciation.—Kernan's Monumental Theatre has been transformed into a Summer Garden, and a series of walking matches are now going on.—Jim Morrissey was in town last week working up Her Atonemeut.

PHILADELPHIA.

Walnut (George K. Goodwin and S. F. Walnut (George K. Goodwin and S. F. Nixon, managers): The most pretentions performance of the week is at the Walnut, where Mile Rhea opened on Monday night as Camille. Compared with Modjeska it is weak. She is not a strong actress by any means, and her company is not the best in the world, Some of her business is very good, but taken as a whole her representation of Camille cannot be put down as smuch tion of Camille cannot be put down as much

above mediocrity.

Arch (Mrs. John Drew, manageress):

Arch (Mrs. John Drew, Charles Arch (Mrs. John Drew, manageress): This is the last week of the season. Charles L. Davis has the honor of closing it as Alvin

Joslin.
Coestnut Street Opera House (George K. Goodwin and Fred Zimmerman, managers): The Vokes end their tour, with the exception of a week or two in New England, at the

The Vokes end their tour, with the exception of a week or two in New England, at the Opera House this week, with their new piece, Too-Too Truly Rural. It is very fanny, but not as funny as might be expected of the Vokes.

Haverly's (W. H. Morton, manager): Uncle Tom will continue until Thursday night, when The Two Orphans will be produced. F. F. Mackay will play Pierre.

Items: J. Fred Zimmerman, now associate manager of the Opera House, is to run Haverly's next season. Haverly is to retain a third interest for the use of his name, and will send all his attractions to the theatre, over which Mr. Zimmerman is a genial and able manager, and his success will be wished by all theatre-goers in Philadelphia.—Frank I. Frayne appears at the National this week in his sensation of Mardo.—The Museum company is occupied with a play called Our Uncle from Maine.—A concert was given at Musical Fund Hall on Monday night by a new musical society, Polyhymnia. Emil Gastel was the conductor.

ALABAMA.

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EUFALA.

Shorter's Opera House (P. H. Morris, manager): Season just closed has been a very successful one, as the following testifies: Johnston and Miller's Opera company, large business; John E. Owens, ditto; B., W., P. and W's. Minstrels, ditto; Tony Denier's H. D., ditto; Professor Hartzman's Gift Show, med'um; Lawrence Barrett, large; Armstrong Bros. Minstrels, slim; Morton's Big Four Minstrels, ditto; Pauline Markham, big; Richmond and McElreth, good; Oliver Doud Byron, big; return Morton's Big Four Minstrels, alim; George H. Adams' H. D., immense; Tremain's Sun Pictures, good; J. Harry Shannon, ditto; Col. Robinson's H. D., ditto; Harry Spannon, Dense Professor S. ditto; Harry Pease, poor; Professor S. S. Hamill, ditto. The opera house will be under same management next season, assisted by Mr. Tannabaun of the Montgomery Theatre. ditto; Col.

COLORADO.

DENYER.

Tabor Grand Opera House (W. H. Bush, manager): Madison Square Hazel Kirke company opened 8th, during a rain storm, to over \$800. Business still increases as weather improves. They close 13th, goirg hence to Leadylla. Lawrence Barrett nonen 15th for improves. Leadville. Leadville. Lawrence Barrett opens 15th for a week. He will be the first tragedian to play in this house. A large business will undoubtedly be the result. Mitchell's Pleasure party will follow in Our Goblins. Dates are very nearly all filled for the season.

Palace Theatre (Ed. Chase, proprietor): Palace Theatre (Ed. Chase, proprietor):
Business still continues prospercus.
Items: Marcus R. Mayer is in the city;
also Mr. Roberts Manager Hazel Kirke, and
Paul Arthur, agent of Mitchell's Pleasure
Party, all highly pleased with our young and
prosperous city. Mr. Mayer is arraying
for appearance of N. C. Goodwin and I'he
Comley Barton Opera company in Denver
shortly, on their return Eastward.

CONNECTICUT.

BRIDGEPORT. Hawes' Opera House (Hawes and Keeler, managers): Globe Museum company the entire week, with the exception of 12th. The special feature of their bill was Herr Haag, the elastic skin man. There was also presented a very fine variety entertainment, wholly free from any objectionable feature. Booked: East Lynne by C. A. Burton's company 15th and 16th; Tom Thumb and company 26th, 27th and 28th.

Roberts' Opera House (W. H. Roberts, manager): Pirates of Penzance acceptably rendered by local professional church singers 11th and 12th, and matinee 13th, to full house. Prof. Carpenter, mesnierist, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th. Opened 15th to full house. Booked: Kiralfy's Black Crook 19th and 20th; Danites 22d.

American Theatre (W. S. Ross. manager): Business has been good through the week. Frank Jones and Alice Montague in On the Brink was the principal attraction. The drama was preceded by an oho. This house will be closed week of 15th. Opened sgain 22d by McCarty and Colman's New York HARTFORD.

Specialty company, when it will close for

the season.

Itens: James Dunning, the popular treaturer of the American Theatre, left this week for Glen Island, having accepted a clerkship at Starin's Hotel, where he will be happy to see his many friends.— Alex. McCarty, advance agent for the Danites, is in town having run in for the season.

NEW HAVEN.

Carll's Opera House (Peter R. Carll, proprietor): Events theatrical are near their close, after an unusually busy season at this house. Dr. Clyde was played the night of 8th, Penikeese will be repeated 15th and 16th, and the Hanlons, opening 18th, will give four performances.

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Grand Opera House (C. Peck, proprietor):
The G. A. K. had a fine benefit by local
talent 12th. Tony Pastor came 13th, and,
as usual, gave a first-class show to an immense house. Tem Thumb opens 15th for a
week, and the San Franciscos visit us
June 3.

June 3.

New Haven Opera House (Minnie Cummings, lessee): Still shut, and genial Manager Phelips' office is a sinecure.

American Theatre (Presz Eldridge, manager): During the week Ben Cotton has proved that the spirit of minstrelsy has not left him, and has drawn good houses. Week 15th, Geo. Henderson, in Golden Guilt, and Harry Dizey, May Seton. Marr Bros., Hugh and Jennie Barton and May Laton make up company No. 33.

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Items: The supplementary season closes 17th.—Chaz. K-ceshin, well known as a theatrical agent here, was married to Mrs. Harmon, of Boston, 11th.—Barnum comes June 1.

NORWALK.

Doctor Clyde was billed for the Opera House 13th, but date was cancelled,—There is a letter at the Norwalk Post Office for "Mart. Hanley."—Miss Ada Dyas has taken up her residence here, and her permanent address in the future will be Ledgewood, Norwalk, Conn.—Manager F. W. Knapp, of Music Hall, has returned from a somewhat extended tour, and is now booking for the coming season.

WILLIMANTIC Loomer Opera House (S. F. Loomer, proprietor): The Strakosch Opera company, with Clara Louise Kellogg, booked 11th to appear 15th in Faust. Notwithstanding the little advertising done, the advance sale of seats was the largest ever had here, and they sang to good business.

sang to good business.

The Warren Sisters appeared at Franklin
Hall four nights this week. They give a

DELAWARE.

WILMINGTON.

Opera House (Jesse Baylis, manager):
Hall's Church Choir company sung Patience
9th for the fourth time this season, to about
1.800 more than pleased people. It was
their 150th performance, and they presented
handsome souvenirs. Germania Orchestra
to large business 11th. Barry and Fay's
Muldoon's Pienic 12th to good houses and
giving good satisfaction. WILMINGTON. giving good satisfaction.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

National Theatre (John W. Albaugh, manager): Her Atenement was well put upon the stage last week. The company was a good one. Emily Rigl distlayed much emotional talent. G. W. Wessells, as Charles LeRoy, who is killed in the first act, gave one of the finest death scenes that I ever saw. The play is a good one in some respects, though rather sombre. A few judicious changes will improve it. Margaret Lanner in New Magdalen and Princess of Bagdad 18th. 19th and 20th, supported by R. L. Downing, B. F. Horning, of Philadelphia, and others. Chimes of Normandy, by Operatic Association, for benefit of Samuel G. Kinsley, the popular manager of the National, 29th, closing the season.

Ford's Opera House (John T. Ford, manager): C. B. Bishop in Culpepper's Courtship, Widow Bedott, etc., last week to fair business; first night for benefit of Ford Brothers. Nothing announced.

Capital Theatre (Jake Budd, manager): The Fannie Prestige troupe this week.

Theatre Comique (T. E. Snelbaker, manager), opens 15th with a fine specialty company.

Items: Driver's Summer Garden opens

ltems: Driver's Summer Garden opens 15th with specialty artists, musical princi-pally.—Abner's Summer Garden opens 15th. Fine Orchestra and the Rainer Tyrolean Singing company.

GEORGIA.

DeGive's Opera House (L. DeGive, manager): Our amusement season is over until September next. The few companies now left in the South are either working their left in the Soltin are either working the way back to New York, or disbanding for their Summer vacation, and our opera house will not be open again except for the usual concerts and amateur performances, until next season.

The improvements in the opera house made during last vacation seem to be so well appreciated by our theatre goers that the management has been spurred on to further efforts. It is now the intention to introduce an improved agreement for course the efforts. It is now the intention to introduce an improved apparatus for governing the lights, similar to that in use in the best Northern theatres. Calcium lights for rendering stage illusions more effective will also be provided. The management has also under consideration the introduction of a battery and wires for lighting the gas by electricity. It is intended to make this one of the best lighted theatres in the South. The arrangements have been such that the rougher elements of the galleries have necessarily been ments have been such that the rougher elements of the galleries have necessarily been brought somewhat in contact with the more refined of the parquette in their approach and exit on a common staircase. By the next season the alleyway in the rear will be properly paved and an entrance opened upon it communicating with the galieries. This alley is to be made the sole avenue of approach to the upper tiers. The front entrance, on Marietta Street, will be devoted exclusively to the patrons of the lower floor, which will be separated entirely from the other part of the house; another lobby will be cut off at the back, opposite the present one, and somewhat resembling it in size and appearance. An ample supply of new scenery will be ready for next season. will be ready for next season.

ILLINOIS.

BLOOMINGTON. Durley Hall (l'illotson and Fell, managers': Joseph Jefferson in The Rivals was the attraction 9th to a very large audience.

Opera House(Tillotson and Fells, managers): Nothing since last letter. Roland Reed in Cheek will be the next attraction 17th.

Item: Manager Fell has been seriously ill for the past fortnight, but is now conval-

Dixon Opera House (J. V. Thomas, manager): Tony Denier's H. D. company, 9th, to good business, was entirely satisfactory. Billed: J. A. Barney's Minstrels, 17th.

Lincoln Opera House (Leslie Davis, manager): Season closed.
Gaiety (John Long, manager): The usual
variety entertainment.

Variety entertainment.

JOLIET.

Opera House (E. S. Barney, manager):
Haverly's Strategists came 6th to large and cultivated audience, making Manager Barsey's benefit a success. After the second act Mr. Barney was called before the curtain and presented with an elegant gold watch and chain by the residents of the city. Charles Forbes' Dramatic company 11th, 12th and 13th to very light business. Coming: Robert McWade in Rip Van Winkle 23d.

Opera House (Dr. P. A. Marks, manager):
Corinne Opera troupe in the Magic Slipper
18th to fair house. The performance can
hardly be said to be up to the standard of
last season, many of the leading people not
appearing as advertised. Bookings: Leavitt's
Minstrels 16th; Roland Reed in Cheek 19th
or 20th; Janauschek 22d; Rentz-Santley comnany 25th.

pany 25th.

Item: A benefit will be tendered Dr. P.A. Marks on the 21st, on which occasion an attempt will be made to have Roland Reed appear in his behalf. The benefit will be a rensing one.

Chatterton's Opera House (J. H. Freeman, manager): The Little Corinne company came 5th and presented Mascotte to light business; for matinee 6th The Magic Slipper attracted quite a large house, but at night they played Olivette to another light house; Sunday evening, 7th, Little Corinne appeared in a concert programme and succeeded in drawing a very large audience. Jefferson, and company appeared 10th in The Rivals to a large assimbly of our best people. The Usbers' benefit, announced for 12th, has been postponed until the 18th, when Smith's Rooms for Rent comes. Leavitt's Minstrels appear 15th. appear 15th.
Arena: Batcheller and Doris' Circus and

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS.

English's Opera House (Will E. English, proprietor): Hugh Campbell's Comedy company in Spectre Bridegroom and Among the Breakers 12th to fair business. Nothing

pany in Spectre Bridegroom and Among the Breakers 12th to fair business. Nothing beoked for coming week.

Grand Opera House (J. B. and G. A. Dickson, proprietor): Joseph Jefferson was the only attraction the past week. He presented Rip Van Winkle 11th to one of the largest houses of the season. The "Standing Room Only" card was displayed soon after the doors were opened; receipts, \$1,500. Nothing is booked for the coming week. Catherine Lewis, with the Audran Opera company, in The Snake Charmer, 22d; the Ford Opera company in a return engagement, probably giving Claude Duval.

Zoo Theatre (Gilm) e and Whallen, proprietors): Crowded to the doors every night. An unusually attractive bill will be presented this week, being Castle and King's Celebrities, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen, Lillie Ellis, Ward and Lynch, Zoe, Bernard McCreedie, Charlie Diamond, Morrello Brothers, J. Arthur Doty, Dave Oakes and Griffin and Marks.

Arena: W. W. Coles' Circus will be here June 12.

Items: Will E. English proprietors

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Items: Will E. English, proprietor of English's Opera House, has received the Democratic nomination for Congress. The selection is a happy one, and the election of Mr. English would reflect credit upon his party and his State.—Mr. Jefferson went from kere to Dayton and Toledo. He opens a two weeks' New England engagement at Taunton, Mass., and will close the season at Bangor, Me.—George June, late agent of the Charlotte Thompson company, will go into the excursion business, and combine business and pleasure, during his Summer vacation. and pleasure, during his Summer vacation.— Carrie G. Vinton, of the Madison Square Professor company, will spend July in this city.—John Anderson, acting manager and treasurer of English's Opera House, went East Saturday. He will spend the Summer in New York and Philadelphia.

RICHMOND. Grand Opera House (Dobbins Bros., managers): Harry Webber's Nip and Tuck closed the season 13th. Entertainment only fair, Business big.
Arena: Coles' Circus comes June 10.

Opera House (H. M. Smith, manager): The past week has been bare of events. Nothing booked at present. Atlantic Garden Theatre (P.M. Shumaker,

proprietor): A good performance is offered this week and the attendance continues to be

IOWA.

New Opera House (George A. Duncan, manager): Joseph Jefferson in The Rivals 8th to a large house. Willie Edouin's Sparks 10th to poor house. Corinne Merriemakers 12th and 13th; business very light the first evenand 1915; Dusiness very light the first even-ing; Saturday matince and second night's performance brought out moderately good bouses. The horrible weather of the past week was a damper on the amusement busi ness here, and Jefferson was the only card that succeeded in bringing out a crowd. Coming: Leavitt's Gigantean Minstrels 18th; Furnished Rooms combination 25th and 26th; Furnished Rooms combination 25th and 26th; Tony Denier and Robert McWade later in

Grimes' Opera House, (R. M. Washburn, manager): Leavitt's Rentz Santley company booked for 28th.

Item: Manager Duncan is sending to all theatrical managers very handsomely gotten in cards.

ten up cards, giving a resume of business since the opening of the New Opera House.

Dohany's Opera House (John Dohany, manager): Mitchel's Pleasure Party in Our Goblins came the 4th to splendid business and gave a contract of the splendid b and gave a fine entertainment. Rooked: Remeny! Concert company 12th; Frank Mayo company 23d; th. Philharmonic Society of this city concertise on the 26th; Litta, the prima donna, is engaged to appear on that occasion.

Arena: Sell's Bros. Circus and Menagerie are billed for the 16th.

CEDAR RAPIDS. Greene's Opera House (C. G. Greene, manager): B., W., P. and W's. Minstrels 18th to very large and well pleased audiences. Booked; Willie Edouin's Sparks 13th; Frank Mayo as Davy Crockett 19th.

Moore's Opera House (W. W. Moore, manager): Edouin's Sparks 11th to good business.

Academy of Music (William Foster, manager): Nothing doing this week. Booked: Litta Concert company June 1; Comley-Barton Comic Opera 2d and 3d; Nat Goodwin 6th and 7th.

DUBUQUE.

Opera House (Duncan and Waller, managers): Willie Edouin's Sparks came 8th to good business, presenting Dreams. B., W., P. and W.'s minstrels came 11th to big business, regardless of a continuous rain; play fine. Duprez and Benedict's minstrels appear to night, (13th), with only fair outlook. Coming: Tony Denier 27th.

Keokuk Opera House (D. L. Hughes, man-Acokuk Opera House (D. L. hughes, manager): Corinne Merriemakers 11th in Magic Slipper. Leavitt's Gigantean Minstrels 17th, Robert McWade as Rip Van Winkle 30th, Lawrence Barrett as Richelieu June 3d. Season drawing to a close and attractions are few and far between,

Arena: Coup's Circus exhibits here 24th. Cooper and Jackson's Circus which spread tents here 5th had bad weather and poor crowds.

Woodbury Opera House (Leon Goodwin, manager): Business dull. Nothing booked until June 5, at which date the season ex-

Lawrence Barrett in Hamlet 5th; Richelieu 6th and Yorrick's Love matines did the largest business of the season. Receipts for the three performances \$2.000. Booked: Heywood's Minstrels 11th; Remenyi 16th; George H. Adams 22d; Lotta Concert company 26th pany 26th.
Item: John McCullough's agent was in

the city the 6th. KANSAS.

LKAVENWORTH.

New Opera House (D. Atchisou, manager): Mitchell's Pleasure Party in Our Goblins and My Brother-in-Law 10th and 11th to good business.

Opera House (A. T. Wood, manager): Janauschek comes 18th.

TOPEKA.

Topeka Opera House (Lester Crawford, manager): Booked: Nat Goodwin 22d and 23d; Frank Mayo 31st; Lawrence Barrett

June 1.

Theatre Comique (William McAvoy, manager): Business fair this week. Singbad the Tailor is the afterpiece.

KENTUCKY.

PADUCAH.
St. Clair Hall (Landis and Halloran, managers): Morton's Big Four Minstrels 9th to splendid business.

MAINE.

Bangor Opera House (Frank A. Owen, manager): Salsbury's Troubadours in The Brook and Greenroom Fun to good business, two nights and matinee 12th and 13th.

LEWISTON.

Music Hall (Charles Horbury, lessee and manager): Salsbury's Troubadours to a good house 11th. The company gave great satisfaction, and if they will visit us next season will be sure of a packed house. Booked: T. W. Keene 24th; Joseph Jefferson, 26th.

New Portland Theatre (Frank Curtis. manager): The Jollities gave the Electrical Doll to miserable business 10th and 11th, and Doll to miserable business 10th and 11th, and were it not for the company, the piece would die an early death. Eric Bayley's company gave The Colonel 12th and 13th to large business, and George Holland fairly non-plussed everyone with his "why, cert'nly." The Troubadours next week, 15th.

Item: Geo. Towle, formerly leader of the Corinne company and Jones Patience party, is now with The Jollites.

Signo.

City Hall (A. C. Sawyer, manager):

Nothing new at present. Some talk of a call from The Professer before long.

Item: Sam K. Hodgdon, of the McNeil Family and Sam K. Hodgdon Goncert company, returned to his home in this city 12th. He has been absent about nine months, in the South and West, and reports a very sucsessful season.

MARYLAND.

of Music (Edward W. Mealey, Academy manager): Marguerite Pierce, of Baltimore, in Humorous and Dramatic Recitations 8th, to a \$12 house—the usual fate of Readers in this city. The season of 1881.82 is about closed here. Appended is a summary of business: Cora Van Tassell Dramatic combusiness: Cora Van Tassell Dramatic company September 22 and 23, fair; the Chanfrau's October 5 and 6, fair; Callender's Georgia Minstrels November 9, fair; Leavitt's Hyer Sisters 16th, good; Verner's Eviction company 17th, 18th and 19th, good; F.G. White's Dramatic company 21st, 22d and 23d, fair; Sanford's U. T. C. 24th, thin; English Opera company 30th, poor; Austin's Minstrels December 5, poor; Tony Denier's H. D., 22d, good; Buffalo Bill January 2d, good; Hyde and Behman's Star Specialty company 17th, good; Austin's Dramatic company 18th and 19th, voor; Pat Rooney 24th, fair; Wilbur Opera company February 20, very good; Opera company February 20, very good; Pathfinder combination 24th, fair; Hyde and Pathinder combination 24th, tair; Hyde and Behman's Muldoon's Picnic 27th, fair; Hague's Operatic Minstrels March 1, good; Suelbaker's Majestics 10th, fair; Jay Rial's U. T. C., 16th, fair; Only a Farmer's Daughter April 16, very good; Alvin Joslin, 20th, good; Madison Square Theatre company No. 3, Hazel Kirke, 26th, good; Marguerite Parce May 8, 2001. guerite Pierce May 8, poor.

Arena: S. H. Barrett's Circus pitch tents 31st.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Opera House (A. Whitney, proprietor):
The original "Muldoon's Picnic" combination gave the best Picnic that has been here this season 11th. Booked: T. W. Keene in Richard III. 16th.

Academy of Music (George Hackett, manager): Salsbury's Troubadours in Greenroom Fun 6th to small house. Tony Pastor 8th to fair business; company very good. Booked: The Danites 13th; San Francisco Minstrels

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Item: J. S. Borden, the popular treasurer of the Academy, was presented by the employes in the front part of the house with an elegant gold pen, penholder and pencil night of 13th.

Lizzie May Ulmer as Billy Piper in The Danites 9th to good house. Geo. Holland's Colonel company 11th to poor business.

Joseph Jefferson 20th.

Arena: Nathan and Co.'s Circus 23d.

Lizzie May Ulmer and a very poor company gave a tame performance of The Danites 8th to empty benches. Booked: Kiralfy's Black Crook combunation 16th; Joseph Jefferson and Mrs. John Drew in The Rivals 18th.

Music Hall (Simons and Emery, lessees): Maggie Mitchell in The Little Savage 11th to a packed house. Booked: Salsbury's Troubadours in The Brook 15th.

Avena: Nathan and company's Consolidated Shows are billed for 20th, and Bargum comes July 7.

LYNN.

Music Hall: Atkinson's Jollities in Electrical Doll 8th to poor business. Salsbury's Troubadours in Greenroom Fun 10th to a small house. Maggie Mitchell closed season in Fanchon 18th, to the smallest house that ever greeted her in this city.

PITTSFIELD. Academy of Music (C. P. Upson, manager):
Barry and Fay's Muldoon's Picnic 8th to a
crowded house, giving one of the best variety entertainments, in addition to the Picnlc, that has visited here.

Music Hall (A. B. White, proprietor):
Ward, Wambold and Pierce's Dime Show
8th, for a week, to poor business. Booked:
The Danites 19th.

MICHIGAN.

Opera House (Chas, Humphrey, manager):
Closed for the past two weeks. Booked:
Haverly's Strategists company 15th; Gus
Williams company 16th; Fiske Jubilee
Sia_rers 17th.

Williams company 16th; Fiske Jubilee Singers 17th.

DETROIT.

Whitney's Grand Opera House: The Colonel was played the last four nights and matinee the past week to not encouraging business. This was due more to the weather than the attraction. It rained steadily from Monday morning to Saturday night—not a moment's "let-up." Of course, such conduct on the part of the weather clerk is not conductive to a large deposit at the bank on the part of the manager. The play itself is only so-so. The company is a satisfactory one. After seeing Patience it seems flat and dull. Rachel Sanger as the Widow Blythe, is worthy of special netice. Eric Bayley and wife were very good in their roles. There wore quite a number of changes in the cast the last night, and there not being a full house, the company indulged in guying and laughing, which was an insult to the audience and ought not to have been tolerated. They terminate their season next week at Chicago. The attractions this week will be Willie Edouin's Sparks first two nights, and Gus Williams last two.

Detroit Opera House: E. D. Price, the popular advance agent of John McCuilough, had a benefit last Thursday night. Virginius was the play, McCullough the attraction, and \$1,200 was the amount taken in. Eddy will help the Evening News during the Summer.

The Park: King and Castle's Celebrities

The Park: King and Castle's Celebrities drew large houses during the past week. This week, Ransone's combination in Across the Atlantic.

Academy of Music (S. G. Clay, manager): Haverly's Strategists had a good house lith. This company's closing date is St. Catherine's, Ont., 20th. Next week B., W., P. and W's. Minstrels—the last of the sea.

Item: The movement for a new opera-house is rapidly assuming definite form. Probably before another week I shall be able to announce the formation of a company and plans for the building which will be a credit to both the city and state.

PLINT.

Opera House: Chas. Schofield's Flashes 5th to a slim audience. Good company, strengthened by a few old members of Merriemakers. C. H. Smith's Boston Double Uncle Tom's Cabin 8th to a crowded house. Troupe first-class. Haverly's Strategists had a fair house 13th. Receipts scarcely sufficient to pay expenses. Booked: Barlow, Wilson, Primrose and West's Minstrels 18th; Gus Williams 23d in Prof. Kaiser. Strategists close season at St. Catherines, Ont., 20th.

Arena: Forepaugh is extensively billed for

GRAND RAPIDS.

Powers' Opera House (W. H. Powers, manager): Haverly's company played The Strategists 8th to fair business. J. H. Rentfrew's Pathfinders in Scraps 9th. The performance, as a whole, was very good; but the receipts were very small. Haverly's Patience company was greeted by a good-sized audience 10th, who thoroughly enjoyed the excellent manner in which the opera was put on. Emma Howson as Patience and W. H. Seymour as Bunthorne are deserving of special mention. Booked: Victoria Loftns' British Blondes 15th; B. W. P. and W. Minstrels 16th; Rial's Uncle Tom company,

British Blondes 15th; B. W. P. and W. Minstrels 16th; Rial's Uncle Tom company, Celebrated Case company, Anna Dickinson and Lawrence Barrett follow.

Items: Smith's Opera House is running to good business this week.—J. H. Rentfrew, of The Pathfinders, hails from this city. He reports business good.—I went to Kalamazou 2th to see the new Academy of Music, which 12th to see the new Academy of Music, which I found to be one of the finest Opera Houses

After enduring for years a place of amusement fit only for the appearance of the veriest "barnstormers." the New Academy of Music was opened the 8th by John McCullough and company in Virginus, assisted by the Franz Schubert Club, a splendid musical organization, from Jackson, Mich., to the most brilliant audience ever assembled in the city. The building is 67 feet in width by 158 feet deep, and three stories high. The interior is magnificent, the woodwork being of elaborately carved polished cherry; the ceiling handsomely frescoed and the walls richly hung in crimson and gold paper. Heated by steam, the indirect radiating process being used. In the centre above is a polished brass chandelier, eleven feet in height, and having chandelier, eleven feet in height, and having a spread of nine feet, beautifully ornamented with glass prisms and containing one hundred burners. There are two tiers of private boxes, with eight seats in each. In the rear of these are open boxes for ten persons each. The stage is 38 feet deep by 66 feet wide, The Danites 13th; San Francisco Minstrels 20th.

Item: J. S. Borden, the popular treasurer of the Academy, was presented by the employes in the front part of the house with an elegant gold pen, penholder and pencil night of 13th.

HAVERHILL.

Lizzie May Ulmer as Billy Piper in The Danites 9th to good house. Geo. Holland's Colonel company 11th to poor business. Bush and Paterson are the owners and John V. Redpath the manager, who has already become very popular for his gentlemanly manners and constant endeavors to secure the comfort of his audiences, and your correspondent is under many obligations for courtesies extended at the opening entertainment. Apello Club of Chicago 9th, big busi-

ness. Haverly's Opera company 11th and 12th, to large houses.

LANSING.

Buck's Opera House (M. J. Buck, manager): John McCullough made his first bow here 9th, to a large house. He was supported by his fine company in Virginius. The audience were given a rare treat. Evening of 10th a tatterdemal erew calling themselves the Victoria Loftus British Blondes went through a loud performance before a slim house. Manager Buck will not be likely to book them for a second appearance. Anna Dickinson appears 19th.

MINNESOTA.

ST. PAUL.

Opera House (Charles Hains, manager):
Leavitt's Rentz Minstrels 12th to a packed
house; performance not as good as given by
Leavitt's company last season, being unsatisfactory. Bloked: Frank Mayo as Davy
Crockett 15th; Tony Denier's Humpty
Dumpty 18th.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Academy of Music: Booked: Renta's Minstrels 12th; Frank Mayo 15th and 16th; Tony Denier 18th and 19th; Heywood's Minstrels 27th.

Pence Opera House: Booked: Tenneseee Jubilee Singers 13th; Rentfrew's Pathunders 24th to 27th; Deakin's Liliputians June 23 and 24.

and 24.

Items: Mrs. John F. Herne has joined her husband in Winnipeg, where he is engaged with the McAllister company.—The dramatic temperature here is low just at present, averaging about one performance a week.—The scheme for a new opera house has progressed so far that the structure is insured by January 1, 1883.

MISSOURI.

Mosart Hall (W. D. Waller, manager):
Corinne Opera company 9th in Magic Slipper, to only fair audience.
Item: Bailding of new Opera House commenced. Expected that it will be finished by December 15.

Coates' Opera House: Lawrence Barrett opened week of 8th with a three night engagement, presenting Rosedale and Yorick's Love, on the first and third nights, and a double bill—Money and David Garrick—on the second. As it was his first appearance in the lighter parts, his rendition was closely watched, and it produced a very favorable impression. The support was excellent throughout, and business good. Receipts. \$1,000. Announced: Mitchell's Pleasure Party 12th; Janauscheck, 19th and 20th; Frank Aiken and Genevieve Rogers, 26th and 27th; Nat Goodwin, 29th, 30th, 31st and June 1. KANSAS CITY

ST. JOSEPH.
Tootle's Opera House (C. F. Craig, manager): Mitcheli's Pleasure Party presented Our Goblins, to a fair house 9th, same company in My Brudder-in-Law to a good house

Item: The meeting of the Missouri Press Convention here on Wednesday had a ten-dency to fill the house on that night.

NEBRASKA.

Opera House (Ed. A. Church, manager): Forhau's Dramatic company, with May Wheeler as star, continues to draw light houses to witness their weak renditions of sundry standard (and several private) plays. This is their second week and may it be their last. Barrett cancaled 10th and booked 29th; Janauschek, billed for 15th; Frank Mayo, 25th; Nat Goodwin, June 6; Tony Denier, 8th.

Mayo, 25th; Nat Goodwin, June v; John Denier, 8th.
Item: Clara Liedtke, of this city, who is known professionally as Clara Louise Davenport, returned home for a short visit. In person Miss D. is a prepossessing brunette of figure. She was with the Corinne Merrie makers last season, and her last engagement was with the Boston Opera company, which disbanded a few weeks ago.

Boyd's Opera House (T. F. Boyd, manager): Mitchell's Pleasure Party, 5th and 6th, gave Our Goblins twice, and a new play by Mr. Gill, called My Brudder in Law, once; the business was fair. The new piece, considering that it had only been performed once before, passed off very smoothly, and was well liked. Lawrence Barrett began an engagement of three nights and matinee, 11th. He will give Othello, Merchant of Venice, David Garrick, Rosedale and Julius Cæsar. Janauschek is billed for 15tl. and 16th.

16th.

Item: The old Academy of Music has taken its leave of the legitimate, and is being rapidly transformed into a variety theatre. Messrs. Nugent, Glenn and Company are the lessees, and they propose to run a strictly first class house. Both are experienced in the business. They open 18th, with a large bill of specialities.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

MANCHESTER.

Manchester Opera House (E. W. Harrington, manager): Maggie Mitchell 9th in Little Savage; company excellent, but the play did not meet the expectations of the very large audience. Billed: Salsbury's Troubadours 18th, W. Keene 19th.

Smyth's Opera House: Billed: White and Parsons' Comedy company 17th.

PORTSMOUTH.

Music Hall: Maggie Mitchell in Little Savage 10th to an audience which packed the house. The play was considered the poorest she ever appeared in here. Atkinson's Jollities gave a good entertainment to a small house 12th. T. W. Keene as Hamlet, booked for 20th, and Jefferson as Bob Acres, 23d.

NEW IERSEY.

Academy of Music (W. H. Brown, manager): The Knights in Baron Rudolph played a very successful engagement 11th, 12th and 13th. Booked: George H. Adams 27th. ORANGI

Orange Music Hail (G. P. Kingsley, manager): Etcika Gerster, assisted by the Temple Quartette, Mme. Chatterton Bobrer and Master Michael Banner, closed the season here 17th with a fine audience.

TRENTON.

Taylor Opera House (John Taylor, manager): Robson and Crane 12th, in Our Bachelors gave an excellent performance to a good house. Their first appearance here in four years Barry and Fay's combination 18th to fair house. Audience well pleased. Closed their season here. Booked: Helen Blythe 19th and 20th; Nick Roberts carnival 29th.

NEW YORK.

Leland Opera House (Mrs. Charles E. Le

land, manageress): Hanlon Brothers in Le Voyage +n Sulane Sth, week, to good busi-ness. While Le Voyage has no plot, ner anything commendable as a play, it still serves as an admirable background for the comicalities of the Hanlons. Coming: Frank Mordaunt in Old Shipmates 19th and

Trank Mordaunt in Old Shipmates 19th and 20th.

Tweddle Hall (P. J. Callan, manager):
No dates past or present week.

Music Hall (George E. Oliver, manager):
Coming: Minnie Hauk in Carmen 17th, for manager's benefit—an attraction that should ensure for beneficiary one of the largest houses of the season.

Levantine's Theatra (F. F. Levantine, manager): During past week a variety entertainment of more than usual excellence.
Coming: The Comedy Four—Murphy and Shannon and Murphy, and Mack,—Andy Collom and a hoat of others. 18th, week.

Items: W. W. Coles' Circim billed 18th for two performances.—Frank Karrington, of this city, will join the Rhea company in Philadelphia.

Opera House (G. A. Towers, manager): Kate Claxton comes 16th in Two Orphans. Baum's Maid of Arron 17th and 18th.

Opera House (H. C. Ferren, manager): The San Francisco Minstrels closed the season at this house 11th, to a large and well-pleased audience.

BOLIVAR

Cain's Opera House (M. J. Cain, manager):
New Orleans Minstrels, 8th, to crowded
house. Wilbur Opera company in Mascotte,
11th, to large and delighted audience.
Booked: Hoey-Hardie company, 19th, in
their new play, Western Union Telegraph.

Academy of Music (Mesch Bros., managers): As expected, Kate Clarton filled the house for the first three nights. Friday and Saturday the San Francisco Minstrels followed suit, only standing-room Friday evening.

lowed suit, only standing-room Friday evening.

St. James Hall (Flint and Carr, managers):
Edwin Lawrence's Danieheffs company 11th,
12th and 13th played to small houses; bad
weather and the minstrels against them.
They closed season here.
Item: The present week's outlook is very
dull, Anna Dickinson the first turee nights
at the Academy being the only attraction.
Clara Louise Keilogg was booked for the
same place Friday and Saturday, but canceled to day on account of illness.

Ward's Opera House (Geo. R. Ward, manager): Baird's Minstrels 20th.

Nelson's Opera House (F. J. Gilbert, manager): Madison Square Theatre company in Hasel Kirke 12th to a very full house. The Fay Templeton Opera company will present The Mascotte 16th.

Opera House (W. E. Bardwell, manager): San Francisco Minstrels, 8th, to good busi-ness. Booked: J. K. Emmet, June 8.

HORNELLSVILLE. HORNELLSVILLE.

Opera House (S. E. Shattuck, manager); A select audience greeted Anna Dickinson's Hamlet with. The play was long and tedious. Enthusiasm in both actress and audience was conspicuous from its entire. Support was fair. House held about \$135. Fay Templeton's Star Opera company 10th, return visit, delighted an unusually large audience with the Mascotte. Repeated encores were the order of the night and in spite of the torrents of rain that fell increasantly from 6 till 11 P. M. the receipts were about \$175. Booked: Hoev-Hardie Bramatic company 22d; Maid of Arran combination 30th.

Wilgus Opera House (H. L. Wilgus, manager): San Francisco Minstrels, 8th, to a very large house. Wilbur Opera company and Rhea have canceled dates: Coming: Fay Templeton, 19th and 20th.

Forepaugh's Circus 10th, the only attraction of the week; drew immense crowds both afternoon and evening. The evening performance was cut short by a terrific thunderstorm.

Hodge Opera Eouse (J. H. Staats, mana-er): Kate Claxton in Two Orphans, 18th, ger): Kate Claxtor to a packed house.

Fay Templeton Star Opera company in The Mascotte, to fair house 9th. The perform-ance was highly praised. Nothing booked.

Academy of Music (W. B. Phelps, manager): Prof. Townsend, mesmerist, gave exhibitions 12th and 13th; houses light. Kate Claxton in Frou Frou, 18th; San Francisco Minstrels, 18th, and J. K. Emmet, 31st.

Arena: Coles circus drew large crowds 9th; performance fair.

OGDENSBURG,

Opera House: Things have been dull past week. Nothing but amateur performances. Booked: Madison Square company, under management of F. L. Bixby, in Hasel Kirke, 20th. Kate Claxton in Two Orphans, 23d.

Items: Thos. W. Brown, representing Madison Square Theatre, paid us a visit during the week. He says all reports make excellent showing of business. The business of his company here will be large. A first-class company in Olivette would do well here. The season will remain good all Summer, as we are always crowded with visitors.

Devereaux Opera House: M. Carana, manager): Kate Claxton in Two Orphans 17th.

Oneida Opera House (M. Carana, man-ager): Booked: New Orleans University singers 23d; Duprez and Benedict's Minstrels June 15.

BOCHESTER.

Grand Opera House (Joseph Gobay, manager): Kate Claxton's company appeared in Two Orphans 12th and 13th, to good business; Miss Claxton, owing to illness, was unable to appear, and the role of Louise was assumed by Mary Drake, and we can only speak in the highest terms of her good work. Her conception of the role was such as to leave the absence of the star not a subject for complaint. Donald Robertson, as Pierre Frochard, exhibited more than ordinary dramatic ability, and merited the hearty applause bestowed upon him. We predict for him a bright future. Nothing booked.

Corinthian Academy of Music (Arthur Leutchford, manager): San Francisco Minstrels did an immense business 10th, and the programme presented kept the house in a continual roar. Booked: Opera Clab in the Musketeers, 17th, three nights.

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An Important Decision.

The important decision of Mr. Justice Devins, of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, the Court of last resort, setting aside the precedent established long ago in the case of Keene vs. Kimball, in which the right to play memorized pieces was established, will be hailed with satisfaction by every one interested in theatrical business. For eighteen years the thieves of Boston, among whom Edwin Byron is prominent, have been free to depredate us as they chose. By ex-Attorney Devine' decision. the rights of play-owners can be protected against memorizers as well as other types of rascals, and the case of Messrs. Tompkins and Hill against Halleck, who performed The World without authority, has been referred to a master who will assess the amount of dameges the defendant will now have to pay. By this decision, also, Manager Palmer can get judgment in the Celebrated Case steal which went against him in the lower court several seasons ago.

Tompkins and Hill, Brooks and Dickson. and Samuel Colville are to be complimented upon their energy, perseverance and ultimate success in upsetting the demoralizing prostitution of the law, under which the emorizers sheltered themselves. The of Mr. Justice Devine is printed ere. By special arrangement THE Manner secured the exclusive publication of this document, which, aside from its value as a masterly review, will be read with in-

terest by all; through these columns solely the profession receives the matter in extenso.

The \$500 Tax on Theatres.

It is no doubt a mystery to many why a tax of \$500 is imposed on theatres for the privilege of opening their doors to the public. Why, it may be asked, should not a similar tax be laid as well on A. T. Stewart & Co., Tiffany & Co. and the National Academy of Design? Why this invidious selection of the theatre for the payment of a penalty which aligns it with the criminal classes and the violators of social order? The business of the theatre is surely as legitimate as any of those we have mentioned, and is conducted in the interest of refined tastes, cultivating steadily the love and admiration of pictorial, sculpturesque and oratorical art.

In all this there is a history. In former times, when the theatre was banned and entered as an ally of the Evil One, it was not of itself without cause of offence. In those earlier days it harbored in barns, sheds and obscure retreats, and even when it advanced upon that condition it assigned a portion of its auditorium for questionable cases. There was the third-tier set apart as the allotment for wantons; the gallery was occupied by turbulent-and disorderly characters; in some of them the pit was the resort of street gamins and errant juveniles.

All this has passed away-the third-tier is non-existent—the gallery in the old sense is abclished and is now respectable; the pit, now known as the parquette, is one of the most desirable quarters of the auditorium. As the tax was laid by way of endorsement for corrupt theatrical usages, and as the corrupting influences no longer exist, why should the tax be longer continued? In other civilized countries the theatre is held in such consideration that it is subsidized by the State in the interests of art and progressive culture. It therefore would be more equitable if our municipality, instead of fine and levy, should bestow a bounty

upon the theatres. We do not insist upon it; but we suggest that the sums now levied upon the theatre, instead of being devoted to Reformatory Institutions (supplied with inmates from other subjects than those furnished or supposed to be furnished any longer by the theatres), should be applied to the reward and encouragement of theatrical houses, which labor daily and nightly against demoralizing tendencies, and furnish a constant, cheerful and improving resort to thousands who might otherwise seek recreation in questionable, or, perhaps, absolutely deteriorating habitats.

As to the methods by which such a fund should be provided and applied, that is a matter for future consideration. For the present we plead for the abolishment of an unjust tax and the removal of the stigma which it implies upon the theatre. And THE MIRROR in this, as in all other matters, acting in behalf of the best and highest interests of the profession, urges upon it to diligently employ itself in discountenancing every incident, enactment or usage which allows them to be treated as pariahs. We hope yet to live to see the day when all prejudices in regard to the theatre will be wiped out, and it is in that direction we labor to make dramatic authors, actors and managers in every way independent of misconstruction and debasing influences. Nor do we despair that the time will not soon arrive when the great dramatist may hold his place in the popular estimation and worldly respect with the Vanderbilts and Astors; the great actor with noblemen and princes, and the great manager be not abused even in the presence of so potential a business man as Jay Gould or General Grant. In art and all that embellishes human life, the classes we have named do not even now fall a jot behind any millionaire or magnate who may be

Mr. Paulding's Dismissal. PARK AVENUE HOTEL, NEW YORK, May 17, 1882.

EDITOR NEW YORK MIRROR: DEAR SIR:-Having noticed in some of the papers statements regarding my performance of Armand Duvsi with Mile. Khes on Monday last which are calculated to injure me profes sionally, I wish to make a plain statement of fac s to you. In the first place, when I was engaged by Mr Chase last week, having informed his agent, Mr. Stone, that I had never played the part, it was agreed that I should have at least three rehearsuls, and should not be judged upon the first performance. I was playing new parts with Miss Davenport at the Grand Opera House. On Thursday, May 11, 1 was allowed to read Armand with Mr. Wilson, the stage manager, and about five members of the company. This so-called rehearsal terminated with the fourth act. The stage man ager then informed me that we would have without designating where; but I heard more from bim until Saturday night, when I received a postal saying that we would not renearse until Monday, in the Walnut Street

I had fully expected a Sunday rehearsal here. My engagement with Miss Davenport ended Saturday evening, and I studied Armand from that time until Monday morning. After arriving at the Walnut I informed Mr Chase that I had studied the part in two days, was about to play it on one rehearsal, and, as I could not count the reading I had had in New York, I politely requested that, if I did not give a good performance, the papers might be informed of the extenuating cir cumstances. This was agreed to. After rehearsal I informed Madame Rhea that I would know my lines and the business of the part, but I could not hope to be acceptable before Tuesday evening, as Monday night's per-formance would be little more than a dress rehearsal for me.

That night, in the second act, a circum-

stance occurred which needs explanation. On the line, "Armand, come sit beside me." Madame's business is that A: mand shall place himself on a footstool at her feet-a very un natural attitude under any circumstances-I had rehearsed it that way. After I got on the stage Madame whispered to me: "There is no footstool-you must kneel on the floor!!" I should not have complied with the request, but, sooner than disoblige the lady, I did as desired. As a consequence, the house roared, I received the credit of the "original business" which sprung from Mile. Rhea's in structions. The next morning the critics naturally were severe on me. I frankly confess it was a very bad performance; but I am sure, had they been informed of the circumstances, they would at least have been gentlemanly.

I gave every cue, knew my lines, and performed the business of the part as rehearsed except where the lady changed it, as alluded to above. With the obstacles in my way I could not do more. Instead of being allowed an opportunity of redeeming my performance, as I undoubtedly could have done on Tuesday, I was informed after the performance that my services would "no longer be required." While Mr. Chase performed that disagreeable task in a courteous manner, ; claim that he did me an injustice in prevent ing me from proving that I could give an acceptable performance of the part; also in failing to inform the papers of the odds against which I labored. I can only regret that I was thrown into any business relations with Mile Rhea or Mr. Chase, as it has been a detriment to me professionally (after the successful en gagement I have just concluded with Miss Dayenport), and has given me anything but a pleasant remembrance of Mile. Rhea or her manager.

Hoping that I have not intruded too much on the valuable columns of your paper, I re main,

Yours truly,

FREDERICK PAULDING.

We have reasons for knowing that Mr. Paulding conceals a great deal that if published over his signature would reflect gravely upon Mme. Rhea in a professional way. The testimony of veracious parties, two being members of the Rhea company, confirm us in the belief that she behaved to the young man in a manner unbecoming an artist. He cites but one or two instances and considering the provocation attendant upon the high handed manner of his discharge, we think he controls his pen dis creetly.

Mr. Paulding was very bad indeed as Armand. This he fraukly admits. Mr. Chase expected nothing better when the engagement was effected last week, for he was warned by the actor himself. With one rehersal and but two days study, with a star injuring instead of assisting him in his efforts to give at least a decent performance, we are surprised that he succeeded in getting through with the lines and business, as he did. Adding injury to the star's insult, Mr. Chase dismissed Mr. Paulding for incom-

Miss Fanny Davenport, surely as exacting Paulding last week for incompetency; she assigned him four trying parts-all new to him-and he acquitted himself to her complete satisfaction and that of the audience. If a man can play Joseph Surface, Nathan, Dazzle and Beauseant in one week and prove thoroughly responsible in the discharge of his duties, we do not believe that the walk ing paper of Mr. Chase or Mr. Anybodyelse will prove that he is incompetent to play any part within his range after proper time

for preparation. There was something else than the fact of his being bad as Armand on Monday night that got Mr. Paulding his discharge. The well is not so deep but that we can pierce its contents and see what lies at the bottom

It is shameful, however, that a young actor, of acknowledged merit, who is striving honestly to make his mark, should have his future prospects placed in jeopardy by the freaks and caprices of the person who did not give him a chance to prove himself "competent."

The Actors' Fund.

The latest addition to the Actors' Fund is \$50, which we received yesterday and handed over to Treasurer Palmer. This amount constituted the proceeds of a maturee benefit given in Bridgeport, Conn., Tuesday. The performance was given by Miss Helen Blythe, Miss Lizzie Ingles, Mr. J. F. Brien, Mr.W. O. Thorne and wife, and Mr. Charles Burton. To the latter gentleman the credit of arranging and managing the affair is due. A most satisfactory bill was presented by the ladies and gentlemen concerned, and, all things considered, the sum cleared was quite

The Bridgeport matines was the first given for the Fund outside of large cities. It is likely to be followed by similar bene-

be able to acknowledge many more such additions in the near future. The charity is the broadest ever projected for the alleviation of the sick and destitute professionals. In the breadth of its scope it is unequalled by any theatrical Fund in existence anywhere. Cases are being relieved as frequenity as required, no aid being given without satisfactory evidence of the applicant's worthiness. The drafts upon the treasury may be made by any two managers of good standing, and the treasurer promptly honors such authorized calls for assistance. For the present this plan will work very well. We would counsel the managers how ever, whose ardor in the cause has not cooled but is delayed, to immediately set the date for the general convention of professionals in this city as the Summer is drawing near, and due notice should be sent out well in advance to secure a full representation of actors and managers. Speedy action is necessary. Meantime it will be well for those who have suggestions to offer or plans to advocate to get themselves in readiness for the free discussion regarding the government of the Fund, which will take place at the Convention. The columns of THE MIR-ROR are open to all who may have anything to say upon the subject in advance of that

Julia A. Hunt.

The first page picture of THE MIRROR this week is that of Julia A. Hunt, who has been winning high praise from the professional press for her performance as Florinel in Sydnev Rosenfeld's play of that name. Miss Hunt has been only three years on the stage but during that time has made such progress that a metropolitan debut is on the tapis During a short engagement in Jersey City, a number of New York critics attended s performance of Florinel, and a unanimous endorsement of play and player was the re sult. Florinel will be presented at the Park Theatre on Monday evening, May 29. Miss Hunt is now in the West, resting from her labors of the past season. Florinel, which has contributed so much to her professional success, will be her principal role next season. If a quarter of the praises of the out of town press on her work in this role find an echo in this city, Miss Hunt's metropolitan success is assured.



ABBEY.-Henry E. Abbey sailed for Europe Thursday. A crowd of friends saw him off. His trip is principally made to perfect arrangements with Nillson, Mr. Copple-

MALONE.-John T. Malone will play leading business next season with James O'Neil, having signed articles to that effect on Mon

BUCKLEY,-Ed Buckley received a dispatch from San Francisco on Monday, announcing the death of his mother in that

STANLEY .- Alma Stuart Stanley has signed to play Grosvenor for two weeks at Tony Pastor's. One of the conditions of the contract is that her name will be Madeline on the bills.

WHIFFEN,-Mrs. Thomas Whiffen (Blancho Galton) sails for a visit to her home in Eng land July 1, to return in October. Mrs. Whiffen has earned this extended vacation by her arduous professional labors of the past three years.

OLCOTT.-Lilian Olcott, who made her debut in Brooklyn last week, as Juliet, and assumed the roles of Parthenia and Pauline (Lady of Lyons) on later nights of the engagement, displayed dramatic genius and gave evidences of careful stage training. The lady is the daughter of a well to do Brooklyn physician, who has been unsparing of his means to at her for the stage. A strong company is to be organized to support Miss Olcott in a provincial tour the coming season.

BERT-Fred W. Bert will take the management of Harerly's California Theatre, August 1, succeeding W. A. McConnell, who will come East and take charge of Haverly's Breoklyn Theatre. The same line of policy which has proved so successful since Col. Haverly took the California will be pursued by Mr. Bert during the Summer; but during the next Win ter season, when strong attractions are playing in the East, new plays will be produced and some of the old time successes will be fits in other small towns, and we expect to revived in grand style. These will include

The Nasid Queen, Red Gnome, Around the World, etc. The magnificent scenery for these productions is still in the theatre, and Mr. Voeghtlin will be taken out to retouch and freshen it up. The California promises well for the future.

Seen and Heard.



A wee voice whispers that Frank L. Gardner is interested in the postal-cards bearing the single word "Lost" in black faced type which are being sent to all parts of the country to professional people. The mysterious advertisement finds an explanation in the fact that Jno. R. Rogers has been minus a mind since he began capering for everybody's amusement. It is kind of Mr. Gardner to try and recover the missing article for his funny friend-a thankless task even if successful; for how dull life would be without our own, our merry fool, our Rogers?

There is more in a name than people think. for. Alexander Caufman preceded the Legion of Honor company in several towns this season. The latter was losing money very rapidly indeed, and on entering a place the soul of its manager was made bitter at sight of a beautiful combination of paper on the wall, unconsciously arranged by the billposter, which read: "A Life's Mistake-Gardner's Legion of Honor Company." Several people on the Square noted in a recent MIRROR advertisement the line "Alexander Caufman's Called to Account," which, by interpreting the possessive "s" as a verbal abbreviation, gives a peculiarly gloomy effect to the sentence.

He was long, lean and lank, with a sallow complexion and deep-set eyes. His hair stood on end and his long, bony fingers ran through his dust-colored locks as he addressed J. J. Spies one day last week.

"I want to put my name on your books." "Are you an actor?"

"Yes, sir."

"And you want an engagement?" "If I can get one."

"There is not much doing now. However, I will register you. What is your line of business ?"

"I play comedy."

"Oh, you do, do you?" "Yes, sir."

"How long have you been on the stage?" "A couple of years or so."

"Who have you been with?"

"Mr. Rice."

"The Surprise Party?" "Yes, sir.

"What is your name and where do you

"Henry E. Dixey."

Minnie Cummings had advertised for a low comedian-"must be funny." A. W. Maflin, he of the spade dance and other stage grotesquerie, applied for the position. The melancholy mien of Maffin did not prepossess the fair manageress in his favor, and with more franknesss than politeness she asked:

"Are you a low comedian?"

"Well-ah-yes-that is in my line." "But are you funny—can you make peeple laugh ?'

"My friends say so, and the newspapers have given-

"But you don't look funny. Are you

"Madam, there's nine weeks' salary due me from the last snap I was inveigled into, and I've just arrived in town. The troubles I've gone through the past few weeks have chased away the dimples. You can't expect to see a specimen of beaming good nature under the circumstances."

One day, in the full tide of the success of Tony Pastor's Bowery Theatre, a man about town encountered a familiar figure in the lobby. 'Twas a friend of his boyhood-a Granger from Long Island. There's no between the acts in a variety house; but there are frequent "between drinks."

"Why, John, old boy, when did you come to town.

"Hello, Sam! Glad to see you. I've jest drapped down from Patchogue to see

"Then you know him ?"

"Know him? I should say so! I drap in once a week-never miss. If I did I'd hear from him. We're like brothers."

"How did you like the performance this afternoon?"

"So, so-good 'nough-all 'xcept the little fat fellow with the imperial that kem out and sung !"

The Usher.



In Othering

Mend him who can! The ladies will him, siece
—Love's Labor's Lost.

Four soubrettes went to the Park to see Minnie Maddern. Annie Pixley was there, Maggie Mitchell was there, Little Nell, the "California Diamond," was there, and Minnie Palmer, of course, was there. All the ladies-even the cynical "Min"-expressed their delight, in apparently honest fashion, with the new little star who is already treading on their toes, and one-which one is quite immaterial here; I'll leave you to guess her name—threw a bouquet to Miss Maddern, and whispered softly, half regretfully, between her teeth: "She is a daisy." Jno. Regers can name the pretty speaker. * *

Minnie Cummings has been sending letters through the mails and by messenger boys every week, regularly enclosing interviews, editorals and essays about herself. which she delicately hints would give her pleasure to see in print. No doubt. These articles are as full of flattery and fun as if they had been written by a Courier reporter. They express the opinion that Minnie is the greatest actress that ever lived, that she is the most beautiful woman ever created, that she is the most charitable person on the face of the globe, that her patriotism is that of a Joan of Arc-in short that she is a creature of an unparalleled variety and quality of talents and virtues. I am sorry I haven't room to print 'em in full. They would make capital reading. * *

Another invitation affair will be the trip by special train to Philadelphia on Monday afternoon next for the purpose of witnessing the first representation of Harry Ellis' opera. Uncle Tom's Cabin. Mr. Ellis has seld out his interest in the work, by the way, for a big sum. The train starts from Liberty Street at 4 p. m. Say, bruddern, will you be dar ?

Alexander Caufman will give a reception at his residence in Brooklyn on Friday evening. The press people are invited.

NEWS IN INTERVIEWS.



"Lady Jane." Last week Augusta Roche played Lady Jane at the Park Theatre in Newark, N. J. on the occasion of an amateur benefit in aid of charity. On this evening William H. Day, the art decorator of the Madison Square Theatre, who was director of the benefit, presented to Miss Roche a most exquisite Lady Jane dress, designed by himself after the most approved Oscar Wilde style. A reporter of THE MIRROR, knowing a description of this dress would please its fair æsthetic readers, armed himself with note-book and pencil and proceeded to interview both Lady Jane and her dress. Calling at the rouse, sending up his card and being shown into the sence of the sought for was an easy part of his work; but a description of the costume was not found such a light task.

A dress of black satin with dead green Japanese silk draperies looped up and hooked on with large dead-gold bullion buckles, and ornamented with sundry cords and tassels of the same material, would of itself look pretty and sethetic. But on the front breadth of the dress is embroidered, in green and blue silk, a life size peacock with head upright and looking as proud and natural in color and style as the vain bird itself when animated. Spread like a fan, reaching from the neck half way to the ground, and extending completely around the body of the dress, is the Peacock's tail, made of the real feathers, or, at least, the beautiful colored eyes of the feathers stitched on with fine silk over a groundwork of bright yellow satin, giving a brilliant, novel and beautiful effect. On

one side of the fowl, and raising its head high up, is a silk embroidered sunflower, while on the other side are the modest and pretty lilies worked in red and white, making a beautiful picture, and relieving a sombre look that would otherwise appear at the bottom of the skirt but for these decorations. Underneath all runs in parallel lines half a dozen strips of gold and silver lace, representing, very cleverly, water, which a movement of the body causes to appear very natural:

The entire costume is rich and handsome, and with a head-dress, armlets and other or naments of gold and diamonds, makes Lady Jane look beautiful as well as "massive.

After gazing at this dress for some time the reporter said to Miss Roche: "Can you wear this in anything besides Patience?" "Oh, no. It is not suitable for any other

"Do you sing Lady Jane next season?" "That I cannot say. I have not yet settled, and really do not know what I shall do. I shall not go back to England, at all

Miss Roche lives with her husband and children in a fashionable quarter of the city, and her apartments would form a capital illustration for the sesthetic apostle's discourse on Household Decoration.

Stanley and Havlin's Allied Shows.

It was storming like fury and the rain kept up a constant tattoo on the windows, when suddenly there came a tapping on the outer door.

"Come in!" A long, dripping rubber coat, over which towered the rueful countanance and high hat of Ernest Stanley, stalked into the room, and seating itself in a chair, rustled and sighed-

"Falling weather." Then the voice changed and the countenance lighted up as the sinile was drawn: "But it is only typical of the showers of applause and ducats that will greet our Allied Shows on the road next

"Of which one do you speak now?" "Why, the American-Anglican Allied Shows, three in one, three each distinct and complete in itself-combined into one grand aggregation of talent, and given in one entertainment, under the management of John Havlin and myself. You see, we have a novel idea, and propose in its execution to cater to the tastes of the whole amusement going public at one and the same

"How do you accomplish this?"

"Simple enough. We open our entertainment with a forty five minutes' minstrel scene, introducing a host of specialty artists, such as the famous Alhambra Quartette of vocalists, which we have engaged, and which I shall bring over with me direct from London. Then we have the Coldstream Guard Echo Sextette from London, and they will perform on solid silver instruments of the finest tone and quality—the only ones in the world. These, with six good comedians in new songs, jokes, etc., will fill out the time elegantly and with perfect satisfac-

"What do you do next?"

"Stanley and Havlin's congress of special ists, consisting in part of such artists as Wheatley and Traynor, the original Dublin Boys, the finest singers and best dancers to be obtained; then we have the Horse Shoe Four, which is a combination formed between the Love Sisters and Carr and Quinlan-they need no words of praise; neither do John and Lea Peasley, who are everybody's favorites. In addition to these we have engaged in London, and I shall bring over with me, the English eantatrice, Miss Agnes Miller, and the Welsh balladists. Ruth Evans and Catherine Penhryn, and this completes a stupendous department of our show, and all of it is

"And the third department?"

"Is a dramatic company, and is composed of some of the leading people in the profession, including Miss Clara Ellison, the charm ing soubrette and vocalist. A new and original drama in two acts by Levin C. Tees, called Tatters, or the Pet of Equatter Gulch, has been purchased, and will be produced with new scenery, appointments and other etceteras that go to make success. The play is on the M'liss order; but is entirely different and has all of the force and beauty of that drams condensed into two acts.

"And you expect to make a go?" "Certainly. Although our expenses are

ver \$2,000 a weak, we present such a novel entertainment and shall advertise and bill so extensively that we can not fail to draw. and when we get the people into the theatre we will refund their money if they are not pleased."

"When do you sall for England after you new perple?

"On the 6th of June, and a great party is going on that day. Come down and see us off.

The Border Scout.

Josh E. Ogden, business manager for Hon. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), threw his andsome form into one of our office chairs yesterday and said, as he ran the fingers of one hand through his ambrosial locks and toyed with a massive gold chain with those of the other, that he had come up to rest his weary body for a while.

"How was Buffalo Bill's season !" "The best he has ever known. We have played to packed houses everywhere, and Bill has just gone home with over \$51,000 as or, rather, reflected-in THE MIRROR ?"

the net profits of thirty-four weeks' busi-

"Does he go out next season, or will his Cleveland legacy make him ambitious to leave the stage?"

"Heldoesn't want to leave the stage. He has plenty of money; but the million he gets in Cleveland will help him some toward being a rich man. Yes, he goes out again, commencing August 29, in a new drama by Charles Foster, called Twenty Days; or, Buffalo Bill's Pledge, and it is the best thing he has ever had in the shape of a drama. He will be supported by an entirely new company of twenty five persons-actors and Indians-and will carry all of his own scenery and properties."

"Prospects good for next season?" "Never better. Time all filled with good dates and increased terms. Next season we will clear \$60,000."

The Square Man.



Mr. J. M. Hill was found with his star, Ben Maginley, chatting about some particulars of the new play, A Square Man.

"I am more than pleased with its success," said the manager. "I produced it in Brook lyn on trial, and the result more than surasses my expectations. The audiences are perfectly delighted with the story and the way it is acted. I have already filled much time for next season."

"I knew she would hit 'em hard," said Mr. Maginley with a triumphant twinkle in his eye. "She has all the elements for a big popular success. I hadn't the slightest fear

"Have you added any new companies t our list since we met last, Mr. Hill?"

"Let me see-yes. I've purchased the House of Mauprat."

"Where is it situated?"

"It isn't situated at all. It's a romantic drama, the scene being laid in France several centuries ago. I shall produce it at McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, Monday week."

Professional Damon and Pythias.

Robson and Crane, as good brothers hould, dwell in harmony and peace to gether; hence there is an annual increase in their business and patronage. Thomas F. Shea, their manager, was met by a reporter Monday morning, and in speaking of their past season said that it was without a doubt the best they had ever known.

"We closed our fifth season," said he, "at Newark last Saturday night, after playing thirty-six weeks to an unvarying succession of large houses. We have played Our Bachelors, Sharps and Flats, Two Dromios Forbidden Fruit, Twelfth Night and tried Gunter's D. A. M."

"What do you find draws?" "Our Bachelors; although in nearly every town we have played requests have been it to our regular repertoire next season."

"What else will you play next season?" "D. A. M., Forbidden Fruit and the Dromios, with only an occasional representation of Sharps and Flats and the Bach elors, will do us. Twelfth Night does no seem to catch the multitude, and we shall drop it entirely."

"When do you start out again?" "About the middle of September-for a

thirty-five weeks' season. Until that time Messrs. Robson and Crane will disport themselves at their seaside homes." "And you?"

"I will remain in New York until all preliminary work for next season is com pleted."

The Vokes Family's Plans.

A MIRROR reporter encountered, on a Brooklyn ferryboat, the other night, E. H. Warren-Wright, the business manager of the Vokes Family. Mr. Warren-Wright is a handsome Briton, with the thorough Anglo-Saxon complexion. He is a very pleasant gentleman, with none of the peculiarities of manner and speech that are set down as affectations by those who come in contact with the sons of Albion on these shores. The reporter entered into conversation with him as to the plans of the Family, and asked a out his coming marriage with Miss Jessie

"Fawdon Vokes, his sisters and myself sail for England on the 31st. The marriage will take place shortly after our arrival."

"Then you leave our shores a member of the company and return a member of the family ?

"You may put it that way if you like. This is my first experience with an interviewer. Deal gently with me. Do you quote your victims word for word."

"We generally sometimes almost usually draw a little-a very little-upon the-

"Then my marriage is to be bulletined-

profession, you know. It is a very vivid reflection of everything of social or business import that may happen to-"

"I'm glad I'm going to be married in England: for-

"We'll cable our London correspondent to attend the reception. What are your plans for next season?"

"On one point we've made up our minds: we shall play next season only in the populous centres—the large cities. And now let me correct an erroneous impression that pre vails. The Bijou Theatre, in Boston, which is to be managed by Fed Vokes and G. H. Tyler, is not to be permanently occupied by the Vokes Family. Fred Vokes and Bessie Sanson will travel with us. Miss Sanson has had great success in the parts formerly allotted to Rosina Vokes, and the little lady has proved quite an addition to the company. Fred Vokes does not visit England this Summer, being tied down to the business connected with his new theatre, which will open on the 8th of October."

"What has been your fortune the past sea-

"Surpassingly good. No previous tour of the Vokes Family has been attended with such flattering results, artistically and financially. Too, Too Truly Rural has hit the public fancy, and will have a prominent place in our repertoire next season."

"How do you like America?" "You should have led off with that ques tion-the boat is fast to the dock-I must be off-but you know what all the others BAY."

Collier's Banker's Daughter.

"Howdye? You see I've been South and caught on' to the howdye," said B. H. Butler, manager of Collier's Banker's Daughter Company No. 1, as he greeted a MIRROR reporter Sunday morning. "I'm glad to get back to New York and take a rest."

"And your season?" "Just as good as any we have ever known

I don't believe a good company could do a bad business with the play. It has a wonderful hold on the people, and seems to be good for a hundred years."

"Do you go out with it next season?" "I don't know whether Mr. Collier will send out a Banker's Daughter company or not; but, if I go on the road, I shall go with him in preference to any man I know. That is a double answer-doing service for the play and for my own future, so far as I know it.

"Has the No. 2 company been doing well?" "Just received a letter from Walter Collier, and he says that his season has been far more profitable than he thought it could be, and he was just then winding it up to a full house in Philadelphia."

"Will Lights o' London be a go on the "Everybody seems anxious for its arrival.

and I believe it will be a big thing."

An American Bureau in London. "I understand you are going to Europe?" said a MIRROR reporter to Col. Bob Filkins the other day.

"Not until next Spring," said the Colonel. "Then I shall go over, and, in addition to paving the way for Callender's Minstrels. see what can be done toward opening a regular bureau for American attractions, and shall figure on placing them to the very best advantage whenever they desire to try their fortunes on the other side of the pond."

"Do you mean that it will be an agency for the benefit of any attraction going over?

isely. Buc needed, and will be appreciated. I shall go to the business generally, and will attend personally to any commissions intrusted to me, either looking to the placing of American attractions in England or English attractions in America, as well as buying plays for American managers."

"By the-way, Colonel, what was the cause of Haverly's falling out with you?"

"We did not fall out. Isimply wanted to deal with parties direct, and as Colonel Haverly was in England, and my work had to be supervised by a third party, I gave up my position."

A New American Opera.

During the Summer months a new Amercon opera will be produced at the American Cassino, Boston, entitled The Lightkeeper's Daughter: the libretto being by George M. Vickers, of Philadelphia, and the music by the popular composer, Charles D. Blake, of Boston. The scene of the story is laid on the New Jersey coast, in the near vicinity of Barnegat Light. The beroine, Mattie Berne. has been picked up from the wreck of a vessel some sixteen years before the rise of the curtain, by old Salty Berne, the keeper of the Light. She is, in reality, the daughter of a wealthy English family. Her history is known to one Roger Norton, who has been entrusted to inform her of the fact by a Lawyer Brayton; but the former desires to marry her before acquainting her with this fact. In order to do this he seeks to place her under obligations to him, and schemes with Mundy Scaler, a deserter, to abduct and then rescue her. Unfortunately, his accomplices get into the wrong room, at the home of Paul Meredith, where Mattie is stopping, and take Rose Meredith instead. who is carried to a tavern. "The Sea Gull's Wing," kept by Widow Flint, where she is confined until Morton can rescue her. Meanwhile Mattie and a Chinese servant, Ting Loo, disguise themselves and seek Rose's rescue.

"THE MIRROR is the Court Gasette of the Captain Mayville, who loves and is beloved by Mattie, is in Norton's way, and to get rid of him a party of wreckers capture and carry him to the same tavern, the intention being to drown him. In the last act, in which the action is very brisk, Rose and Mayville are rescued and the plans and purposes of Norton defeated. As is usual, virtue tri-

There does not seem to be anything that recalls any previous melody in the music, and Mr. Blake is said to have done some good work. The opportunities for scenic display are frequent. As produced at the Carino it will have all the benefit that judicious stage management and liberal expenditure can procure. A chorus of sixty voices is now rehearsing the music under Mr. Blake's direction, and the principals have been selected.

Professional Doings.



—The features of Mamie Gilroy, the tal-ented child actress with Only a Farmer's Daughter, are reflected above. The Mayora of Adrian, Mich., Dubuque, Ia., and other places, honored her with invitations to visit their homes. She is a great favorite on and off the stage,

-Gus Williams will Summer at the Hot Springs, Ark.

-J. H. Laine will go shead of George Adams' Humpty Dumpty next season. —George S. Knight has returned to the city and reports a very successful esason.

—Charles Blanchett is to manage Rice's Pickwick Theatre at St. Louis this Sum-

-Mary Bell, now at the St. James, London, will be added to the Vokes company

—In Brooklyn, the first week in June, George H. Adams will close the most suc-cessful Humpty Dumpty season he has ever had.

—Annie Louise Cary and Mile. Litta will take the leading roles in Pratt's opera, Zenobia, to be produced at Chicago next month.

—Esther Williams, late soubretts of the Eighth Street Theatre, Philadelphia, will spend the Summer in San Francisco on a visit to her mother.

—Frank D. Hildreth has cast his fortunes with Cole's Circus for this season, and he drops a line to say that his first experience in that department of amusements has been so far very pleasant.

—Georgia Cayvan and J. F. Hagan have been engaged for Old Shipmates. Miss Cay van has received offers for leading business from Bartley Campbell, John Stetson, Col-ville, Salvini and the Madison Square.

-Lillian Spencer, who made her debut at the Fifth Avenue Theatre two seasons ago, and has since played leading business in prominent stock companies, will play Lisa in Bartley Campbell's White Slave next

—Old Shipmates goes on the road for a few days to try the new people in the east before being produced at the Fourteenth Street. Mordaunt has the only good part; but liberal salaries have induced competent people to accept engagements for miner reles.

—Fred Marsden's last play, called Zars, is completed. He read it to Annie Pixley, Mr. Fulford and Mr. McVicker. They all approved and it was instantly accepted. This is his third piece in four months. Now he tackles the \$5,000 piece for the Madison Sonars.

—William Mitchell has engaged the com-pany which recently played Divorcons in this city, and will put them in the Boston Park Theatre August 21, to appear in Sar-dou's delightful comedy. Mrs. Lingard, Charles Wolcot and C. B. Welles will be in the cast, and Alma Stuart Stanley is to be added.

—L. M. Crawford, owner and manager of the Topeka (Kan.) Opera House, is in the city attending to business connected with his house. He reports a prosperous season. On his return, Manager Crawford will at once set about putting the finishing touches to the new house which has risen upon the ruins of the one destroyed by fire in December, '80. These comprise the newest designs in upholatery and seats, increased exits, and the raising of the parquet.

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—Bertha Welby is now in the city, and bubbling over with bright anticipations of her future, and her new play for next season, entitled One Woman's Life, by Elliot Barnes, author of Ouly a Farmer's Daughter; she thinks it will eclipse all his former dramas and will immortalize them both. Her delightful enthusiasm is very enjoyable, for she is a highly educated lady; her childish joy is shown in picturing out its thrilling scenes, the great climaxes, the quick curtain applauded, vociferous call before the footlights, the smiles of approval, the boquets, and when she excitedly finishes with 'O'! I can hardly wait for the first of September, I am so eager to show my friends what I can do,' one feels that she has a wonder bil gift, and if she can carry her audience with her as she does her visitors, she has a magnetism that must make her a strong star.

PROVINCIAL.

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Items: The Academy and Grand are virtually closed for the present, preparatory for the coming season.—Reports to the contrary notwithstanding, Joseph Gobav will continue the local management of the Grand.—Manager Lebnen's selection displays his good judgment.

Grand Opera House (L. E. Weed, manager): Collier's combination in the Banker's Daughter 11th and 12th. The entertainment was delightful; but owing to the inchemency of the weather only half the seats were occupied.

Griswold Opera House (S. M. Hickey, manager): There were no performances last week. The bookings are as follows: N. S. Wood, in drama, The Boy Detective 15th, for one week; Mile. Rhea 22d, 23d and 24th. Assistant manager H. P. Soulier has a benefit 7th, when George Holland's company appear in Led Astray.

Rand's Opera House (Preston and Powers, managers): Grau's Opera company with Minnie Hauk, appear 18th.

UTICA.

Utica Opera House (Theo. L. Yates, manager): Collier's Banker's Daughter combination 13th to a small audience, though deserving of better. Booked: Kate Claxton 18th.

OHIO.

Opera House (Louis Schaefer, proprietor):
Harry Meredith's Rauch 10 to fair business 13th and 13th. The support is far above the average. Nothing booked at present.

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CLEVELAND.

Tabernacle: The second May Musical Festival of the Cleveland Vocal Society 9th to 11th proved successful tar beyond the expectation of its warmest supporters. An aggregate of 15,000 people attended the series of five concerts, and the not profits will reach about \$2,000. Messrs. Whitney and Toedt, Fanny Kellogg and Emily Winant (the soloists from abroad) were in sxeellent voice and spirits; and the two last named, hitherto strangers to Cleveland, made impressions of the most favorable nature. The oratorios, 8t. Paul and Messiah, opened and closed the Festival, with miscel laneous programmes in the interval. The chorus was exceptionally fine, the orchestra cual to the demands upon it, and Conductor Affred Arthur supervised the whole in a masterly way. Mrs. E. A. Osgood had hardly recovered from her late illness, but sang in the Messiah without perceptible wearmess. A grand Music Hall is now talked of and will probably be erected in time for the next May Festival.

Euclid Opera House (L. G. Hanna manager): Closed last week. Amateurs produce Chimes of Normandy, Pinafore and Our Boys 17th to 20th.

Academy of Music (John A. Ellsler, manager): A Celebrated Case company drew pretty good houses last week. Messrs. Lee and Rix are not bad in their respective parts, but the balance of the company may be called strong only in their weakness. Coming: Harry Meredith in Ranch 10 this week. Swift and Sure combination week of 22d.

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COLUMBUS.

Comstock's Opera House (F. A. Comstock, manager): Ada Gray played East Lynne 10th and 11th to light business. Alvin Joslin had a good house 12th. The Philadelphia Church Choir company did Patience in fair style 13th to a large house. Billed: Amateur Minstrels 15th.

PINDLAY.

Davis Opera House (J. C. Bushon, secretary): Cancellations seem to be the reigning craze just now; George H. Adams having changed from 11th and Harry Webber from 23d to later dates. Nothing definite booked during present season.

Wallace's Opera Heuse (J. H. Miller manager): Harry Merceith in Ranch 10 to fair business 8th and 9th. Ada Gray in East Lynne 12th to packed house, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

Conover's Opera House: Nothing this week, Coming: Harry Webber in Nip and Tuck 16th.

Wilhelm's Opera House (John Wilhelm, proprietor): Adams' H. D. to good house. The company is under the management of Adam Forepaugh, and is a first-class company traveling in their own cars. Booked: Keller's Egyptian Ghost Mystery 16th and 17th. The season closes here June 1.

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Wheeler's Opera House (C. J. Whitney, manager): The Colonel, presented by the Eric Bayley company, had light houses 8th and 9th—failed to arouse any marked degree of interest. Mr. Bayley was unable to appear 9th, being ill. His part was successfully played by Leehe Edmunds. John McCullough, in his magnificent impersonation of The Gladiator, drew a large house 12th. Mr. McCullough closes his season in Cincinnati next Saturday, after a week's engagement at the Grand. Joseph Jefferson in Rip (matinee) and Bob Acres 13th delighted large houses. This week, Gus William 15th, Haverly's Strategists 16th, Edonin's Sparks 17th and 18th, Danicheffs 19th and 20th.

Bennett's Opera House: Adams' H. D.
10th to a big house; the entertainment all
through was the best of the kind wo've had
this season. Booked: B., W., P. and W.'s
Minstrels 24th.
Arena: Royal Circus 20th.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Academy of Music (G. U. Aschbach, manager): A Child of the State was presented by the Hoey and Hardie combination, 12th, to a fine audience. This excellent company a too well known by our readers for any criticism. The season will be closed here on 12th by the Beston double U. T. company. Item: Dr. Clyde cancelled date of 10th.—

The initial performance of the comedy, Western Union Telegraph, will be given at Easton, Pa., 15th, by the Hoey and Hardie combination. The play Priest's Vow has for the time being been laid on the shelf as not pleasing to the tastes of theatre goers. Frank J. Pilling has assumed the management of this combination for remainder of season. The Treasurer, Mr. Kelly, is tired of the road, and will try some other occupation after the season closes.

Wagner Opera House (Wagner and Reis, proprietors): The Wilbur Opera company presented the Mascotte, 8th and 9th, to moderate business, rainy weather conspiring to cut down the attendance. Wednesday, 10th, the rain poured down, but Anna Dekinson was the attraction and drew a full house.

Arena: Forepaugh's circus did not exhibit 11th owing to rainy weather. BRADFORD

Park Opera House (Wm. J. Sell, manager): Nothing doing past week; season about closed. Billed: Willie Edouin's Sparks company.

Copera House (W. M. Shultz, manager):
George S. Knight and company played Baron
Rudolph to a very good house, 5th. A testi
monial benefit tendered by a number of leading citizens, will be given to Manager
Shults 15th, when Hoey and Hardie's combination will present W. U. T. The general
popularity of Manager Shults will doubtless
ensure a successful result. re a successful result.

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Fulton Opera House (B. Yecker, proprietor): Hoey and Hardie combination in Child of the State to light business; good performance 9th. Carneross' Minstrels drew a full house 10th. Adams' H. D. booked for the

Item: The Hoey and Hardie company try a new play called Western Union Telegraph at Easton 15th. If it takes well they will use it next season.

MEADVILLE. Opera Honse (H. M. Richmond, manager):
Anna Dickinson appeared as Hamlet to good
business, 13th. Nothing booked or billed.
Arena: Forepaugh showed to immense
business 9th, giving the finest circus performance ever seen in this city. The Circus
Royal will pitch tents 18th.

Concert company, will Summer at Saco, Me.—Manager Richmond is booking some first class attractions for next season.

Library Hall (Fred A. Parke, manager): Library Hall (Fred A. Parke, manager):
The Lawrence Dramatic company occupied the house for the first three nights of last week, and met with but poor success. The company is quite an interior one, and The Danicheffs, as rendered, was anything but satisfactory. Dr. Keyser, supported by local talent. effectively burlesqued Richelieu, 12th. John Kinlan in The Fairy Circle and The Shaughraun, 13th, to poor business. The Wilbur Opera company opened 15th, for the week, to large house.

Opera House (John A. Ellsler, manager): Mardo, The Hunter, interpreted by Frank Frayne, a fair company, and a menagerie, held the boards last week. Business good. The Ada Gray combination opened 15th to good house.

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Academy (H. W. Williams, manager):
Leavitt's Rentz-Santley Specialty company
gave its usual excellent entertainment last
week, to large business. The New York Star Specialty company opened 15th to large

house.

Harris' Museum (P. Harris, manager):
The expose of the Rhoda Mystery drew large crowds last week. New arrivals 15th: Prof.
De Forrest and Major Atom.
Fith Avenue Museum (A. C. Hunked, manager): A satisfactory entertainment was given last week to good business. Redmond's Automatic Minstrels, Covello and Courtney and Major Nutt are the principal attractions.

Items: The Langdon and Ellison Specialty company will be at the Opera House week of 22d.—Excursions will be run from this city to Cincinnati for the benefit of those who desire to attend the Cincinnati May Festivals.—Eugene Eberle and wife are at their home in this city.—The attaches of the Opera House had a benefit 15th. Attendance good.—Jay Rial will leave his home in this city 16th for Europe.—Willis Cobb and his dogs are with Barrett's Circus.—Frank Frayne purchased from Harry Ellsler last week the latter's large thoroughbred Newfoundland dog. Frayne will train the dog for service in one of his sensational dramas.—Carl Maeder, of the Opera House orchestra, will leave for Europe early in June.—Main's Circus and the Swiss Bell Ringers are barnstorming through our adjoining Items: The Langdon and Ellison Specare barnstorming through our adjoining towns.—Prof. Sylvester Clarke has joined Manager Harris' forces.—Manager Williams has returned home from Louisville.— Our May Musical Festival will take place at Library Hall 30th and 31st and June 1 and 2.

Grand Opera House (Geo. M. Miller, manager): Closed for the season.

Academy of Music (John D. Mishler, manager): A Priest's Vow was very well presented 11th by Hoey and Hardie company to fair house. Coming: Smith's U. T. C., 19th and 20th.

Academy of Music (C. H. Lindsay, manager): Robson and Crane in Our Bachelors 10th to a big house. Forbidden Fruit 11th to a large house. This closes the season with the exception of minor and local amusements. Mr. Lindsay is to be congratulated on its brilliant success. on its brilliant success.

WILLIAMSPORT Academy of Music (Wm. G. Elliott, pro-prietor): Robson and Crane in Sharps and Flats 8th to a large house; the audience were highly amused at the drolleries of the

WILKESBARRE. Music Hall (M. H. Burgunder, manager): Robson and Crane gave Our Bachelors to large business, 9th.

RHODE ISLAND.

Bull's Opera House (Henry Bull, Jr., manager): The Danites, played to a fair house, 15th. Item: Edwin Booth, Louise Searle and Genevieve Ward were in town this week.

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PROVIDENCE.

Opera House (George Hackett, manager):
The World continues another week. Hanlon Bruthers in Le Voyage en Sausse.

Low's Opera House (Wm. H. Low, manager): Neil Burgess will present his new play, Josiah Allen's Wife, at this house four nights of this week, commencing 17th. He has a good company.

Theatre Comique (Hopkins and Morrow, managers): New attractions every week make this theatre very popular.

Items: George Hackett has taken a lease of the Providence Opera House for three years.—John Hopkins, one of the managers of the Theatre Comique, is to manage Park Garden the coming Summer.—At the Music Hall the Globe Museum combination, with the elastic skin man and a specialty company are giving performance (two asch day) pany, are giving performances (two each day) this week for the small entrance fee of ten

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MASHYILLE.

Grand Opera House (Milsom, Brooks and Dickson, managers): The grand fairy operetta, Cinderella, as presented by the Benton Opera company, under the training and management of Mrs. Charles Benton, of New York City, was a splendid success, drawing crowded and appreciative houses during the past week. Too much cannot be said of Mrs. Benton's professional skill in giving one of the best children's performance ever seen in Nashville. Over 300 children took part in the fine scenic effects, with handsome costumes, marche-, dances, songs, etc.

VIRGINIA.

VARCHINIA.

NORFOLK.

Van Wyck's Academy of Music: Prof.
Geo. A. Cragg's Comic Opera entitled Ettalina, was presented for the first time, 11th,
and matinee 13th; Ettalina is regarded by
the critics of this city as a musical gem, and
its plot well conceived. In the hands of an
experienced manager, Ettalina would become
one of the popular comic operas. The opera
will be repeated at a benefit to Prof. Cragg,
18th.

WISCONSIN.

Music Hall (L. Raines, manager): Frank Mayo came 10th in Davy Crockett to good house. Booked: Tony Denier's Humpty Dumpty 16th; Rentz Minstrels 17th.

Grand Opera House (J. Nunnemacher, manager): The Pathfinders 11th, 12th and 13th to light business. Poor company and poor performance.
Academy of Music (Harry Deakin, mau-ager): Tony Denier's H. D. 12th, 13th and

14th, to good business.

Item: It has finally been decided not to change the Grand Opera House. There-upon, Mr. R. L. Marsh has secured the lease from June 1 for a year. He is now in New York to finish negotiations with Jacob Nu-

CANADA.

BRANTFORD.

Stratford's Opera House (Joseph Stratford, proprietor and manager): Madison Square Hazel Kirke was greeted by only a fair house 10th, owing to disagreeable

weather.

Arena: The United States Circus billed for 24th; afternoon and evening perform

Academy of Music (J. Williams, secretary): Tavernier-Lewis Dramatic company in My Awful Dad, 5th and 6th; Pique, 8th

9th and 10th, to fair bouses.

Item: W. D. T. Leavitt. organist at the Music Hall, Bo-ton, 1s in the city, making arrangements for the early production of the opera Cambyses, or the Pearl of Persia. Grand Opera House (J. R. Spackman, man

ager): Cool Burgess and family had fair houses, 6th, matinee and evening. Madison Square Theatre company No. 2, 12th, to a good house. Weather bad.

Grand Opera House (C. J. Whitney, manager): The Madison Square Theatre company appeared 8th, in Hazel Kirke, and gave satisfaction to a very large audience. Booked: Haverly's Strategists, 17th.

Item: Mr. J. M. Lathrop's benefit takes place 17th.

Academy of Music, (Henry Thomas, manager): T. W. Keene, supported by a really good company, played to splendid houses this week. Monday and Saturday, Richard III.; Tuesday, Richelieu; Wednesday. Othello; Thursday, Hamlet; Friday, Macbeth. Next week, 16th, Maurice Grau's French Opera company with good repertoire. Theatre Royal, (J. B. Sparrow manager): Closed. MONTREAL.

Albert Theatre (Sully and Burgess, maners): Fair variety show to equally

business.

Items: Ned West, the comedian had the managers of the Albert Theatre arrested on a capias, claiming \$60 of back salary due. The matter was amicably settled out of court.—Oscar Wilde at Queen's Hall on court.—Oscar 15th.

ST. CATHERINES Academy of Music (A. G. Brown, manager): Madison Square Hazel Kirke 11th to fair business only en account of unfavorable weather. A capital performance.

Grand Opera House (O. B. Sheppard, manager): Prof. Cromwell gave his art entertainments all week of 8th, to large and fashionable audiences, notwithstanding that the weather was very inclement throughout the engagement. Billed: Baird's Minstrels, 15th c. 17th.

Royal Opera House (J. E. Connor, manaer): House closed week of 8th, and nothing

DATES AHEAD.

Managers of traveling combinations will favor up by sending every week advance dates, and mailing the same in time to reach us on Monday. A. M. PALMER'S UNION SQUARE THEATRE

Co.: Boston, 15, five weeks.

Anthony & Ellis' U. T. C. Co., No. 1:
Brooklyn, 15, week. AUDRAN COMIC OPERA Co.: Chicago, 15, week; Milwaukee, 22, 23, 24.

ACME OPERA Co.: New York, 15, week.

ADA GRAY: Pittiburg, 15, week; Brooklyn, 22, week.
Anna Dickinson: Jackson, Mich., 20; Hills-

dale, 22; Adrian, 23; Toledo, O., 24, 25; Elkhart, Ind., 26; South Bend, 27.
Boston Ideal Opera Co.: Boston, 15, week.
B., W., P. and W.'s MINSTREAS: Port Huron,
Mich., 19; Jackson, 20. CHARLOTTE THOMPSON: Cincinnati, O., 14,

Week.
Collier's Banker's Daughter Co. No. 1: Philadelphia, 15, two weeks close season. CORINNE MERBIEMAKERS: St. Louis, 15, one

week.
DUPREZ AND BENEDICT'S MINSTRELS: Quincy. Ill., 24; Hudson, 25; Adrian, Mich., 26; Ypsilanti, 27; Chatham, Can., 29; St. Thomas, 30; Londen, 31.

ERIC BAYLEY S COLONEL CO.: Chicago, Ill., 15, week, and close season.

FANY DAYENPORT: New York City, 15, week,

FRANK E. AIKEN DRAMATIC Co.: Sedalia,

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FRANK I. FRAYNE: Philadelphia, 15, week; New York city, 22, week; Newark, N. J., 29; close of season.

FRANK MAYO: Cedar Rapids. Ia., 19; Iowa City, 20; Des Moines, 22; Council Bluffs, 23; Omaha, Neb., 24; Lincoln, 25; Nebraska City. 26.

FAY TEMPLETON OPERA Co.: Ithaca, N. Y., 19, 20; Lockport, 23; Hamilton, Ont., 24, 25; Buffalo, N. Y., 26, 27.

FORD'S OPERA Co.: Chicago, 15, week; St. Louis, June 12, for the Summer.

GEO. H. ADAMS' HUMPTY DUMPTY TROUPE: Altoona, Pa., 19; Lancaster, 20; Salem, N. J., 22; Bridgeton, 23; Mıllville, 24; Bur İngton, 25; New Brunswick, 26; Jersey City, 27.

HAVERLY'S CONSOLIDATED MASTCONS: St. Louis, 15, week.

HARRY MEREDITH'S RANCH No. 10: Milwaukee, 15, week; Chicago, 22, week.

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Brooklyn, 15, week; close season.
HAVERLY'S OPERA COMPANY: Chicago,
Ill., 15, week; St. Louis, Mo., 22, week;
Cincinnati, O., 29, week; Boston, June 12,

two weeks.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON: Lawrence, Mass., 19;
Haverbill, 20; Lynn, 22.

LEAVITT'S RENTZ MINSTRILS: Neilsville,
Wis., 19; Stevens Point, 20; Appleton, 22.

LEAVITT'S RENTZ SANTLEY Co.: Chicago, 15,

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LAWRENCE'S DANICHEFFS: Toledo, O., 19, 20.

LAWRENCE BARRETT: Denver, Col., 15 week; Leadville, 22, 23, 24; Pueblo, 25, 26; Colorado Springs, 27.

LEE AND RIX'S CELEBRATED CASE: South Bend, Ind., 19; Niles, Mich., 20; Dowogic, 22; Allegan, 23; Holland, 24; Kalamazoo, 25; Grand Rapids, 26; Big Rapids, 27.

MADISON SQUARE THEATEE CO., No. 1 (HAZEL KIRKE): Cheyenne, Wy., 19; Ogden, Utah, 22; Salt Lake City, 23, 24, 25; San Francisco, Cal., 29.

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Madison Square Theatre Co., (The Professor): New York City, 15, two weeks.

MITCHELL'S PLEASURE PARTY: Leadwille, Col., 18, 19, 20; Denver, 22, week.

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Morton Minstrels: St. Louis, 15, week.

M. B. Curtis' San'l of Posen: San Francisco, Cal., 22, four weeks; and rest for four weeks.

Milton Nobles: San Francisco, 15 week. PHOSA MCALLISTER COMB.: Winnipeg, Man., 8, for unlimited season.
Sol Smith Russell: Boston, 15, two weeks.

IDEAL OPERA Co.: Boston, 15, two weeks.

Tony Pastor's Company: New York City,
15, week; Amsterdam, N. Y., 22; Utica, 23;
Syracuse, 24; Rochester, 25; Toronto, Can.,
26, 27; Buffalo, N. Y., 29, 30; Bradford,
Pa., 31.

Pa., 31.

TONY DENIER: Winona, 22; Rochester, 23;
Faribault, 24; Austin, 25; Waterloo, 26;
Dubuque, 27.

VOKES FAMILY: Philadelphia, 15, week;
Boston, 22, week; close season.

WHITE AND PARSONS' COMEDY Co.: Great

Falls, 20.
WILBUR OPERA Co.: Pittsburg, 15, week.
WILLIE EDOUIN'S SPARKS: New York, 22,

WASHBURN'S UNITED MONSTER SHOWS:
Muncy, Pa., 19; Jersey Shore, 20; Lock
Haven, 22. DAN FOREPAUGH: Buffalo, N. Y., 19, 20; Port Huron, Mich., 22; Detroit, 23; Pontiac,

24; Holly, 25; Lapeer, 26. CIRCUS ROYAL: Akron, O., 19; Ashland, 204



I hear that the number of pictures sent in to the Royal Academy this year is quite unparalleled. The average is six thousand canvases: but I am told that seventy per cent, must be added to this year's total. What a pity it is that show room cannot be found for all of them, as an exhibition of ten thousand new pictures, "all in rows," would be a sight to remember. It would be wrong to assume from these figures that English artists have almost doubled their number in a year or two; but I know, as a fact, that a very great increase has taken place. The fact is that the Englishman in art is omniverous. It is astonishing to see how much better known in this country are fairly good foreign artists than are the best of our native artists in foreign countries. We are familiar with the works of Israel, of De Nitris, of Gerome, of Mukacksy, of Albert Hertel, and of Knaus-that is, they are known not merely to the art dealer, but to the art buyer, and one of these masters would command a recognized price, just as a Peter Graham, a Boughton and a Millais. But these three great artists would scarcely be so well known in any foreign capital, except to the art-loving English who happened to be there. I must, however, make an excep tion in favor of American artists. Many of the latter are earning great distinction in foreign schools, and they send some choice and promising works from their Roman, Italian and French studios.

The Wagner Festival for next month, and two great German opera companies disputing with the Italians for supremacy, at which the Cyclus of the Niblungenlied will be performed, is likely to be something more than a success-to be a grand triumph for Wagnerism in England. Everybody is taking tickets, and Her Majesty's Theatre seems likely to be filled every day. It is believed that, save in regard to scenery, and perhaps even there, the performance will be equal to that at Bayreuth. Hardly a single Eng-

lish artiste has been engaged for it. The players, singers, all are Germans specially imported from the Fatherland, and to be specially paid in English sovereigns, of which the Dieutchers are particularly fond. Wagner (who is also coming) will therefore have his own people to blame if everything does not go off as he wishes. Then again, his own best friends have seen to the management and are conducting the rehearsals. thereby making it certain that this is Wagner presented Wagnerianly.

Here is food for reflection for your American professional tourists (and their name is legion this year) who contemplate doing the Rhine and its romantic surroundings this year. I hear that the Rhine season will open with an extensive novelty. The boats that ply by night are to be armed with powerful reflectors at either side of the prow, and in in front of each reflector the electric light will burn brilliantly. The result is that tourists will find the most aggressive scenery dazzling them all the way from Bonn to Bingen. It is not unlikely that we shall soon hear of a new disease of the optic nerve. Doctors recognize a peculiar malady to which violin players are subject from the way they bend one shoulder over the instrument. To see the crags of Drachenfels under conditions that suggest the Gaiety Theatre is almost as bad as to go up the grand Canal at Venice in a shrieking steam-launch.

Mrs. Langtry's first season as Beauty has just terminated at the great fashionable Haymarket Theatre, and this week she has transferred her charms and her womanfold attractions to the very vulgar Standard Theatre, in Shoreditch. Beauty will after wards visit the provinces, as, like Oscar Wilde, she is intent upon making money, and all she cares about now is to make it as best she can. The Langtry husband, I am told, is in New York-a choice specimen of a successful Briton. I don't think Langtry expects to meet with his wife in America. Mrs. Albert Edward might object!

Bibil and Bijou is drawing splendid houses at the Albambra, and Manager Holland says the piece will fetch a ten per cent. dividend to the fortunate shareholders. Dion Boucicault was present in front a week ago, and the great man was not too proud to answer a call upon the occasion. He walked before the curtain in company with Frank Green, who has Bibiled Bijou for the Alhambra frequenters, and I am told he also appeared before the curtain on the same evening at the Court, in conjunction with his son, Dion,

The exceedingly graceful comedy of The Parvenu, at the Court, is the best thing we have had since The Squire was produced. The piece is quite of the Robertsonian type, and its success is so pronounced that all the country managers are running after it. G. W. Anson has made a big hit in the part of the Parvenu.

There is a bit of bother here over the terms of the will of poor Madame Rudersdorff. If Madame left her property to her son, Richard Maryett, it does not follow that the said son should see his mother buried like a modern Cleopatra. Madame Rudersdorff certainly died worth her funeral expenses.

The Lights o' London is in its last nights at the Princess', and Wilson Barrett's company are now rehearsing G. R. Sims' new piece to follow. I rather like the title of The Romany Rye, as it smacks of gypsey tents and fortune-telling. I regret to hear that Sims is ill, and it is not at all certain that the "new and popular" author will be able to answer the first-night's call.

Charles Kelly and his company are back from the provincial performances of Far From the Madding Crowd, and the piece will be played at a matinee here on Saturday next.

I have not yet seen J. H. Haverly. Where is he? Fred Burgess told me a week ago he was at Morley's but he is not known at that hostelry.

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Professional Doings. -Sydney Cowell has joined Hazel Kirke

-Maurice Strafford has signed with Duff for next season. -Tillotson and Fell have closed their sea

son with Grace Cartland. -Harry Ellsler, of Pittsburg, will spend the Summer at Rockaway.

-Tony Pastor's company was given a clambake by the Providence Lodge of Elks -Viola Clifton, the burlesque actress

very ill at Philadelphia, and is in very destitute circumstances. -R. M. Field has bought the New England right of Taken from Life and Romany

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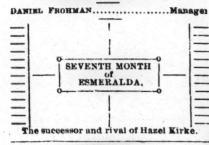
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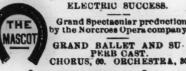
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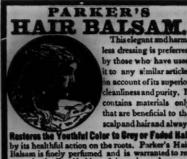
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man in Russell vs. Smith, 12 Ad, and Ell., N. S. 236, "it seems to have been considered that publication to an audience was not within the protection of the acts relating to copyright; consequently Stat. 3 and 4, Wm. 4 C. 15, was passed, and in respect to literary property, gave to authors the profits arising from publication by representing the piece upon the stage."

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property, gave to authors the profits arising from publication by representing the piece upon the stage."

These three cases relating to plays in which copyrights existed, and the rights to representation which proprietors possess in such plays, have but little bearing upon the enquiry whether the owner of an unprinted and uncopyrighted play, who has exhibited it for money, may be protected from public representation thereof by another.

The case of Macklin vs. Richardson, Amb. 694, decided in 1770, is of much more importance in this connection. The plaintiff was the author of a farce called Love a la Mode, which had never been printed nor copyrighted. It had been performed under his direction and also by his authority, for which he received compensation. Great care was taken by him of the manuscript, which was always kept in his own possession. The defendants were proprietors of a journal; employed a stenographer, who took down the words of the play, and his copy as written out was afterwards corrected by one of the proprietors of the journal, who published one act in their journal and advertised the publication of the remainder in their next number. Upon application to the Lord Chancellor, an injunction forbidding such publication was made perpetual by the Lords Commissioners. "It can scarcely be necessary," to use the words of Judge Cadwallader in Keene vs. Wheatley, "to refer to Morris vs. Kelley, or any other case, to show that on the principle of this decree the performance of Love a la Mode at another theatre from the shorthand writer's report would have been prevented by injunction." Postponing for a moment the question as to what a unlawfully obtaining a copy of a stage of the properties.

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Postponing for a moment the question as to what is unlawfully obtaining a copy of a play which has not been copyrighted, and which has been exhibited for money, and whether there is a distinction between the representation from a copy obtained by memory and from one obtained by stenography or similar means, the proposition that the representation of such a play, the copy of which has been unlawfully obtained, will be restrained by injunction, is certainly supported by much authority since the case of Keene vs. Kimball was decided nor has it been coutroverted by the adjudication of of Keene vs. Kimball was decided. nor has it been controverted by the adjudication of any case. Boucleault vs. Fox, 5 Blatch. 87; Shook vs. Daly, 49 How., Pr. Re.; French vs. Maguire, 55 How., Pr.; Shook vs. Rankin, 6 Biss.; Crowe vs. Alken, 2 Biss. 208; Palmer vs. DeWitt, 2 Sweeny, S. C. 47 N. Y.; Boucleault vs. Wood, 7 Am. Law. Reg. U. S., also S. C. 2 Biss.

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In Crowe vs. Aiken, it was keld that the author's rights in a manuscript uncopyrighted play were in no manuscr affected or limited by the Acts of Congress as to copyright, and that although previously performed, an injunction against unauthorized performance would be granted. In giving the opinion of the Court, Judge Drummond remarks: "I am also of opinion that the mere representation of a play does not dedicate it to the public except possibly so far as those who wit ness the performance can recollect it, and that the spectators have not the right to secure its reproduction by stenographic or other verbatim report independent of memory." The play in question was one written by Taylor and known as Mary Warner. As upon the evidence it was found as a fact by the Court that the copy was obtained by a shorthand reporter, it did not then become necessary to consider whether that which is stated as a possible exception actually was one.

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In Keene vs. Kimball it is said that it is not intended to intimate that there is any right to report stenographically or otherwise a lecture or other written discourse which its author delivers before a public audience, and which he desires again to use in like manner for his own profit, and to publish it without his consent or to make any use of the copy so obtained." But no distinction can, we think, be made between works cast in the dramatic form and other literary productions intended for public delivery to those who pay a suitable compensation for the amusement or instruction they expect to obtain. The right to be protected against the unauthorized representation of a dramatic work is in principle the same as the right to be protected against the unauthorized oral delivery of a public lecture. An ingenius argument was indeed made in Keene vs. Kimball derived from the principles and ideas of the Puritan founders of the commonwealth, that a dramatic composition was not equally under the protection of the law with other literary works, but it was held by the Court quite clearly otherwise.

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not equally under the protection of the law with other literary works, but it was held by the Court quite clearly otherwise.

The late Mr. Charles Dickens was an accomplished public reader of selections from his own works. If he had selected a story which had never been published or copyrighted according to the suggestion above quoted from Keene vs. Kimball, there would have been no right on the part of an auditor to have reported it phonographically or otherwise so as to have availed himself of the copy by a subsequent oral delivery by himself or another to whom he transferred it. The genius of Mr. Dickens was essentially dramatic; if he had seen it to prepare and read, which he well might have done, a drama, representing himself its various characters, such a literary production would not have been less protected than a written discourse or lecture. Nor can it be perceived that if instead of reading such a drama himself he had permittled it to be represented on the stage, which is but a reading of several persons instead of one accompanied by music, secuery and the usual accessories of the stage, his rights as an author to protection would be in any way diminished. Boucieanly vs. Fox. 5 Blatch, 98.

The decision in Keene vs. Kimball must be sustained if at all upon the ground that there is a distinction between the use of a copy of a manuscript play by means of the memory or combined memories of those who may attend the play as spectators, it having been publicly represented for money, and of one obtained by notes, stenography or similar means by persons attending the representation. That in the former case the representation. That in the former case the representation of the play, the copy of which was thus obtained would be legal, while in the latter it would not be. This case involved in Keene vs. Wheatley af. sup. It was the American Cousin, to use the language in the

answer in Keene vs. Wheatley, "a piece presenting in suitable situations, those eccentricities usually attributed on the stage to Yaukees," and appears to have had much success both on this account, and as presenting those absurdities usually attributed on the stage to the exquisite or dandy. In Keene vs. Wheatley, the controversy was as to the title to the play as a literary production as it then existed, it having been in some parts curtailed, and having also received certain additions both written and unwritten, and also as to the mode in which the defendant obtained it. It was deemed to have been proved that the play in its existing form was the property of the plaintiff, and that the defendants had obtained their acting copy from them by a breach of confidence on the part of an actor employed by the plaintiff, who had communicated it to them, and that she was therefore entitled to an injunction.

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The opinion of the Circuit Court, as delivered by Judge Cadwallader, is a very elaborate discussion of the whole subject of literary property, and embraces many subjects not involved in the judgment of the case. Among these is included the question whether a public representation will authorize another who may obtain a copy by memory to afterwards represent the play so performed. The theory advanced by him, which, so far as we are informed, was original, and in support of which he certainly cites no adjudicated case, is that the act of public performance of a play is a general publication, and that "when a literary proprietor has made a general publication by any of the modes described, other persons acquire unlimited rights of republishing in any mode in which his publication may directly or secondarily enable them to republish."

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If this be correct to the full extent of the proposition, the manner in which a copy is obtained for other representations must be unimportant, as the right to subsequently unimportant, as the right to subsequently represent is made to rest upon the fact that there has been a public representation. But in order that the play shall be thus represented he contends that a copy must be obtained by "fair means." Those which he defines as "fair means," are the impressions on the memory of some persons whose constant attendance at the performance of the play, may enable them to write or repeat elsewhere that which they have heard; but he holds that, no one may lawfully make use for this purpose of stenography, writing or notes.

or notes. According to the facts as they were found in Keene vs. Kimball, by the allegations of the bill and the admission of the demurrer, the copy there used tor representation was obtained solely by memory. Judge Cadwallader further remarks: That the manager of a theatre may revent a reporter. lader further remarks: That the manager of a theatre may prevent a reporter from noting the words of such a play phonographically, stenographically or otherwise. As one of the audience he would in doing so transgress the privileges conceded in his admission. But the privileges of listening and retention in the memory cannot be restrained. When the audience is not a select one these privileges cannot be limited, either in their immediate or ulterior consequences." The effect of this argument is that, as the privilege of listening and as memory cannot be restrained, any use of memory would be legitimate, and that a spectator, or a number of spectators acting in concert, if able to carry away in memory the contents of a play, acquire a lawful right to make any use of the play they choose, however destructive to the literary property of its author.

Adopting the views of Judge Cadwaliader, it is said, in Keene vs. Kimball, that "if persons by frequent attendance at her" (the plaintings) "theatre have committed to memplantiff's) "theatre have committed to memory any part, or the whole, of the play, they have a right to repeat what they heard to others." The repetition thus contemplated as rightful, as shown by the sentence heretofore quoted from the same opinion, is, by public representation of the play, so committed to memory. It is added: "We know of no right of property in gentures tones or of no right of property in gestures, tones or scenery which would forbid such reproduc-tion of them by the spectators as their pow-ers of imitation might enable them to accom-

The theory that the lawful right to represent a play may be acquired through the exercise of the memory, but not through the use of stenography, writing or notes, appears to us entirely unsatisfactory. "The public," it is true, as is said in Keene vs. Kimball, "acquire a right to the extent, whether complete or partial, which the proprietor has made to the public." But the question is as to the extent of that dedica-

question is as to the extent of that dedication.

It is not easy to understand why the author, by admitting the public to the performance of his manuscript play, any more concedes to them the right to exercise their memory in getting possession of his play for sub-equent representation than he does the privilege of using writing or stenography for that purpose. Drone on Copyright, 588 9. The spectator of a play is entitled to all the enjoyment he can derive from its exhibition. He may make it afterwards the subject of conversation, of agreeable recollection, or of just criticism; but we cannot perceive that in paying for his ticket of admission he has paid for any right to repreduce it. The mode in which the literary property of another is taken possession of cannot be important. The rights of the author cannot be made to depend merely on his capacity to enforce them, or those of the spectators on his ability to assert them. One may abandon his property, or may dedicate it to the use of the public, but while it remains his the fact that another is able to get possession of it in no way affects his rights. If the performance of a manuscript play is not a complete dedication to the public (and from the time of the decision in Machlin vs. Richardson, ab. sup., there is no case known to us which has so held) subsequent performances by others whether they obtain their copies by memory or by stenography are alike inby others whether they obtain their copies by memory or by stenography are alike inby memory or by stenography are alike in jurious. Cases are not unknown of memories by memory or by stenography are alike injurious. Cases are not unknown of memories so tenacious that their possessors could by attending one or two representations retain the text of an entire play, and the dramatic profession is one in which the faculty of memory is highly cultivated. There is no reason why the exercise of this faculty shou does in any way restrained; it is not that the spectator learns the whole play which entitles the author to object, it is the use that is sought to be made of that which is learned that affords just ground of complaint. "Such use," as remarked by Judge Morrell, "is as much an infringement of the author's common law right of property as if his manuscript had been feloniously taken from his possession." Palmer vs.,D Witt, ab. sup.

Following the decision in Keene vs. Kimball the Judge who presided at the trial of the case before us held that although the copy of the drama called The World was obtained by memory of persons who formed part of the audience who attended the per-

formance for the purpose, who wrote out a manuscript comparing their recollections and testing them by subsequent visits to the performance, as no violation of trustor confidence was shown no injunction could be granted. But the acts done by these persons like those proved in Keene vs. Kimball were, as we view them in a legal sense, violations of contract and confidence. The author had a right to believe that in purchasing these tickets of admission these persons did so for the pleasure or instruction that the performance of his drama would afford, and that they did not do so in order to invade his privilege of representation which as it was of value he must have desired to preserve.

The lectures of an accomplished medical professor are of high pecuniary value. They are repeated from year to year before different classes with only such changes as advancing science may require, or such new illustrations as experience may dictate. The student is not only permitted but invited to take written notes. He is entitled to all the instruction he can obtain from them, using both notes and memory to retain it; he may use the information he has derived in his practice, he may reproduce it in his own discourses with such other information as his education or experience may suggest, should he desire himself to discuss a similar subject; but he cannot, therefore, orally deliver or publish in print the lecture of which he has been an auditor. Where persons are admitted as pupils, or otherwise, to hear public lectures, it is upon the implied contidence and contract that they will not use any means to injure or take away the exclusive right of the lecturer in his own lectures, whether that be to publication in print or oral delivery. Abernethy vs. Hutchinson, 3 Law J. Rep., Chanc. 209, was a bill brought by the celebrated Surgeon Abernethy to restrain defendants from publishing his lectures; it was held by Lord Eldon that while those pupils who were rightfully admitted to the lectures might take them down for their own informat Lean, goes even further. It was need that an author did not dedicate his manuscript to the public by using it to instruct others, and that even if he permitted his pupils to take complete copies, they could not use such copies for publication. In these cases there was nothing wrongful in obtaining or keeping the possession of the copies which had been permitted; it was the use sought to be made of them that was to be restrained. The implied contract of the author of an unprinted and uncopyrighted play with the spectator is closely analagous to that of the lecturer with his pupils. It is a violation of contract and confidence when the spectator, obtaining possession of a copy of the drama, whether by memory, notes or stenography, undertakes to use it for publication in print or for another public representation. Story on Eq., 949, 950.

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The special use made by the author for his own advantage of his play by a representation thereof for money is not an abandonment of his property or a complete dedication of it to the public, but is entirely consistent with an exclusive right to control such representation. Roberts vs. Myers, 23, Law Reporter, 397. If the spectator desires, there is no reason why he should not be permitted to take notes for any fair purpose, as if he is a dramatic critic for fair comment on the production which is offered to the favorable consideration of the public; if a student of consideration of the public; if a student of dramatic literature for comparison with other

works of its class.

We should not be willing to admit that police arrangements could be allowed to interfere with this any more than with the taking of notes by one who attends a course of scientific lectures. The taking of notes in order to obtain copy for representation, is a different matter; it is the use intended to be made that renders it proper to restrain such an act. The ticket of admission is a license to witness the play, but it cannot be treated as a license to the spectator to represent the drama if he can by memory recollect it, while it is not a license so to do if the copy is obtained by notes or stenography. In whatever mode the copy is obtained, it is the use of it for representation which operates to deprive the author of his rights. works of its class.

For the reasons stated we are brought to the result that the decision in Keene vs. Kımball cannot be maintained. The presiding judge having ruled in accordance with it at the hearing of this case, his decree must be reversed.

The plaintiffs are entitled to a decree re-

straining the defendant from exhibiting the play called The World, and referring the case to a master to assess the damages sus-tained by them by reason of its unauthorized exhibition by defendant. Decree reversed.

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